Higher Scientific Officer – Dietary Improvement

Locations: Skipton House London (Wellington House from spring 2018)

Starting salary £31,132

37.5 hours, Fixed term position (until end March 2019)

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Public Health England (PHE) is an executive agency of the Department of Health providing; strategic leadership, research, advice and support for Government, local authorities and the NHS in protecting and improving the nation's health.

The Diet and Obesity Division underpins Public Health England’s work on nutrition by providing scientific and policy advice on nutrition, nutrition surveillance and monitoring. The Diet and Obesity Branch comprises 5 teams: Nutrition Science; Food Composition and Diet; Obesity and Healthy Weight; Dietary Improvement and Nutrition Advice.

An opportunity has arisen for a Higher Scientific Officer within the Dietary Improvement Team (fixed term until end March 2019). The Dietary Improvement Team works with the food industry and other stakeholders to support the government’s reduction and reformulation programme to reduce the levels of sugar, calories, salt and saturated fat in key food and drink categories. This is a wide ranging area of work requiring close engagement with all parts of the food industry including manufacturers, retailers and the ‘out of home’ sector. The post holder will work alongside team members to support this programme.

We are seeking an individual with a degree or postgraduate qualification in nutrition, and with an understanding of the role of food and nutrition in public health.

Applicants are strongly advised to use the criteria in the person specification (available online) as sub-headings in their application to make it clear how they meet each of the selection criteria.

Please also see job description for competencies

For further information please visit https://www.jobs.nhs.uk/xi/vacancy/ff547ced79b045a41a446d9bf4f5d888/?vac_ref=914901616

Closing date: 8th January 2018
Interview date: 25th January 2018

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