

My time at SPH

As a Registrar in Public Health I've been pleased to spend the better part of 2019 at Solutions for Public Health (SPH). I was impressed with the range of work taken on by SPH - evaluations and evidence reviews on all manner of subjects and more.

A unique selling point of SPH is how they can customize themselves to the needs of a particular job and mobilise their team quickly. This often results in the designing and adoption of tailor-made methodology to fulfil the requirements of the project in hand, often with short turn-around. This makes for an exciting and interesting place to work with many different opportunities.

I was lucky enough to be involved with a large project reviewing treatment accessibility in the States of Guernsey to inform policy. It gave me a range of experience in:

- conducting an economic appraisal of possible treatment options
- qualitative research to gather comparison data on policy decisions
- conducting an options appraisal
- seeing how policy decisions are made

I was also very interested in the business side of SPH and I think as a placement it offers a unique mix of interesting public health and business experience. Most projects that SPH takes on have to be won through a competitive bidding process. SPH has a highly skilled team with a strong history of delivering demanding projects to time and specification, but I was aware that this alone is not enough to win work. I was particularly interested in the art of bid-writing and what goes into a successful bid. Again, I was able to be involved in writing a bid which gave me invaluable insight into the process of bidding for tenders and the style and language used.

All in all I've had a very rewarding and interesting time at SPH. I thank all the team, in particular Claire Cheong-Leen and Michael Griffin who I worked with on the Guernsey project, my supervisor Veena De Souza, and SPH Managing Director Richard Davis for the opportunities and the support they've provided.

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