

A Day in the Life..... Project Officer (Air Quality Team)

The advertised role is for a Project Officer based within Environmental Health as part of the Air Quality team. Although you will work within the Air Quality team, you will remain on the structure of our Transformation Service where all Council Project professionals are based. You will have the opportunity to work with and keep contact with other project management professionals to maintain your professional competence outside the specific area you are working in – with the air quality team.

Air Quality is high on the National, Regional and Local agendas. There is now significant evidence that the health effects of living and working within areas of poor air quality are reducing the healthy life-spans of a large number of the population and resulting in the early deaths of tens of thousands of people. Kirklees Council has a legal duty to review and assess air quality within the district and as part of this, the authority has developed a Five Year Action Plan containing measures to improve Air Quality and reduce emissions.

Kirklees Council are in the process of setting up a team to deliver measures within the 5 year plan and continue to discharge legal duties.

The Air Quality team has a duty to determine the concentrations of pollutants within the district and create / deliver actions to bring about a reduction in pollutants. The primary goal of the team is to bring about the reduction of concentrations in pollutants that are harmful to human health. The team is made up of a Senior EHO, Senior Technical Officer and Project Assistant.

The team is led by a Senior EHO, who reports to a Public Protection Ops-manager and oversees the delivery of air quality work streams. The Senior Technical Officer's duty is to work on the delivery of scientific / analytical activities and work parallel to those of the project assistant. The Project Officers work helps with the delivery of projects that are given to the Air Quality team to deliver while also assisting in meeting the tasks and deadlines outlined within the Action Plan.

A successful candidate will work under the direction of the Senior EHO, undertaking a key role to assist in the delivery complicated multifaceted projects from the 5 year plan to the benefit of the health and wellbeing of Kirklees residents.

The officer will support the Senior EHO in the co-ordination, delivery and evaluation of complex Air Quality Improvement Projects and also be expected to lead on smaller projects.

The successful candidate will help facilitate delivery of improvement projects in teams across the council, liaising with a number of stakeholders to ensure they deliver on commitments within the Action Plan, keeping projects on track, arranging project meetings, maintaining project monitoring databases.

In addition to actions outlined within the council's 5 year plan, the project assistant will also support the management / delivery of future Air Quality projects within Kirklees Council or West Yorkshire projects as they are developed. You will help review the 5 Year Action Plan by assisting on the project management of the review process.