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Ref #12: UoM QStep 2020 GMCA - Public Service Reform Research and Analysis to Support the Work of GMCA

Organisation Profile

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Research and Strategy Team

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Home to more than 2.8 million people, with an economy bigger than that of Wales or Northern Ireland, Greater Manchester (GM) is at the forefront of policy innovation and new thinking about how to transform the lives of local citizens by nurturing a world class, competitive, caring and economical sustainable place to live.

GMCA has been at the heart of the city-region's devolution agreements with central government, and with the presence of an elected mayor, this is an exciting time to be working in the city-region with the GMCA.

The Research and Strategy team at GMCA provides best in class research, strategy and policy to support the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy "Our People, Our Place". Our work drives change in public policy to improve the lives of all who live in the city-region, to ensure that our residents are able to "stay well", continue to "live well" and then "age well" in later life.

Project Outline

Sitting within the wider GMCA research team, students will focus on projects relating to Public Service Reform, particularly to support the 2020 refresh of the Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS).

Specifically, GMCA are looking for an individual to contribute towards the creation of a place-based performance framework (a set of measures that track our progress against the objectives created for the strategy) as part of the GMS refresh.

Using quantitative analytical skills, this will focus on developing metrics (such as Jobs Seekers Allowance Claimant Counts) at a newly defined neighbourhood-level geography. This innovative approach has separated Greater Manchester into communities of between 30,000 and 50,000 people located across our 10 local authorities. At this scale, we are able to better target integrated services that will hopefully contribute towards improving the quality of life for our residents going forward.

Helping to expand our understanding of conditions and change experienced in these neighbourhoods, the work will interest key stakeholder associated with GMCA (the mayor, ten GM local authorities, GM Health and Social Care Partnership, Transport for GM, central government, etc.) The development of the performance framework will contribute to a

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better understanding of how improved neighbourhood-level outcomes contribute towards the fulfilment of ambitions across the ten GMS priorities.

The successful candidate will undertake a desk-based analysis of local, regional and national datasets, and will liaise with performance and policy colleagues from the GMCA and partner organisations to identify appropriate indicators for inclusion in the plant-based performance framework.

Key Words

Public Service Reform Inclusive Growth
Economics Health Devolution
Quantitative Analysis Statistics

Application Criteria

Essential

- Positive attitude, strong work ethic, and ability and willingness to learn quickly
- Commitment to delivering positive outcomes for GM residents
- Data analysis skills and experience with quantitative data
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office, especially Excel, Outlook and Word
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Desirable

- Some knowledge of GM, regional and national policy
- Experience of undertaking presentations
- Understanding of data analytics and visualisation techniques.

Supporting Information

Core office hours are expected to be 9am - 5pm however GMCA are happy to accommodate some level of flexible working.

The student will have a supervisor/mentor within the research team who will be on hand day-to-day to provide support and guidance throughout the internship period. Other members of the team will also be available to offer regular support.

The supervisor/mentor will hold an evaluation meeting with the student at the end of the placement and provide support, feedback and references, as appropriate.