

The career opportunities in environmental health in local government in the East Midlands are challenging and interesting. Set out below are the job roles, core skills and qualifications needed for posts.

	EH Admin/Dog Warden/Pest Control Officer/other area of local authority	Technical Officer/ Assistant	Environmental Health Officer	Senior Environmental Health Officer	Section Leader/Principal	Head of Service
Primary Tasks	May not be in EH section but prepared to undertake study.	Assisting EHO's in the maintenance and improvement of EH standards by carrying out inspections and investigations as appropriate.	To undertake the full range of professional EH duties (specialising as directed) within a section of the EH function.	To undertake the full range of professional EH duties (specialising as directed) within a section of the EH function. Provide advice and guidance to colleagues and subordinates, and undertake other task roles as directed.	Responsible for the work, staff and resources of one specific EH section. Contribute to the development and effective performance of the EH function.	Responsible within the statutory and policy framework for managing, controlling, developing and implementing EH obligations and standards. Overall responsibility for resources.
Core Skills/ Knowledge	General interest in EH. Communication skills	Ability to interpret legislation and policy, and able to explain to others. Able to carry out lower risk investigations and inspections.	Detailed knowledge of legislation, policies, and procedures across EH. Ability to gather and interpret complex data, mediate, conciliate and negotiate to achieve national, regional and local objectives	Ability to demonstrate core skills: investigative, interpretative, communicative, educative, organisational and attitudinal, which include being able to provide professional, legal and practical advice and guidance to EHO's and technical support staff. Advanced knowledge and responsibility for at least one specific area of EH	As Senior Environmental Health Officer plus: Supervisory skills. Specialist knowledge and expertise within field of work. Ability to prepare and monitor the section's financial budget. Contribute to the formulation of corporate and EH policies and strategies. Interpretation of national and corporate policy documents.	As Section Leader/Principal plus: Ability to manage, control and monitor all EH staff. Ability to manage and control EH financial budget. Able to formulate and disseminate EH policies and strategies.
Qualifications	GCE "O" level, or equivalent at GCSE level, standard of education. Alternatively evidence of necessary background and motivation to succeed.	BTEC in EH or higher level in specific EH subject area e.g. Higher Certificate in Food Premises Inspection.	Accredited BSc.(Hons) or MSc. in EH with EHRB Certificate of Registration.	Accredited BSc.(Hons) or MSc. in EH with EHRB Certificate of Registration and relevant EHO experience. Preferably holder of CIEH Assessment of Professional Competence / Development (APC/D) – i.e. Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner.	Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner. Extensive experience which would include supervisory experience.	Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner. Evidence of continuing professional development which might be specific vocational qualification at MSc or diploma level and would include management training and supervisory experience..
Development	Working towards technical qualification in specific area of EH	Further qualification in specific area of EH. Working towards degree in EH.	Developing EH experience. Working towards CIEH APD. Working towards vocational qualification at MSc or diploma level	Developing supervisory experience and possibly management experience. Vocational qualification at MSc or diploma level.	The development of management by experience and training. Vocational qualification at MSc or diploma level.	Corporate involvement and working with CIEH, local authorities and Regions.