



Trainee & Program Details

Training Program

Public Health Medicine –
Advanced Training 2026

Training Program Phase *

Specialty Foundation

Date of Learning*

06/05/2026

Learning Capture Details

Type of Learning *

Other learning experiences

Title*

Salmonella outbreak

Select the primary learning goal *

6 – Incident response

Learning Capture Details

Description of Activity *

The unit was notified of eight cases of Salmonella agona detected between Feb and April. This was well above the background rate (1-2 per year). I was included as part of the outbreak team to investigate this outbreak. My role involved supporting case follow-up, contributing to team discussions, and assisting with coordination of information across the public health unit and environmental health officers. This provided exposure to the structured processes used in managing a communicable disease outbreak from detection through to control measures.

What did you learn? *

This was fantastic grounding in how to run an outbreak investigation. I was involved as a team member and learned a lot about teamwork and collaboration along with the essential steps in outbreak investigation. There was a lot of media attention related to this outbreak which also provided a valuable learning experience. I undertook case interviews and was able to use some of the tools developed for that. I also assisted with the environmental investigations which identified inadequate cleaning and sanitisation in a kebab shop. Through this process, I gained a clearer understanding of how epidemiological findings translate into practical public health action. I also developed greater confidence in managing sensitive conversations while maintaining professionalism and clarity.

How will you apply this learning in the future? *

This was an ideal initial outbreak investigation to participate in and provided an incredibly valuable learning experience. I would hope that in the next outbreak investigation I will be able to step up and take a stronger leadership role. I have recognised that I need to further develop my media skills and consider how to tailor communication to culturally diverse audiences, especially when asking potentially sensitive questions in case interviews. In future responses, I aim to take more ownership of coordinating elements of the investigation and contribute more actively to strategic decision-making discussions. I will also continue refining my communication approach to ensure messages are clear, culturally appropriate, and proportionate to risk.

Assessor Feedback (optional)

Feedback From *

Dr Jada Zulian

Assessor Role *

Rotation Supervisor

Personal Message

Dear Dr Zulian, I would appreciate feedback on my recent learning capture assessment.

Feedback Requested Date

06/05/2026

Feedback *

Soraya contributed effectively to this outbreak investigation, applying epidemiological principles appropriately under supervision. She conducted structured and sensitive case interviews, interpreted environmental health findings, and participated constructively in multidisciplinary discussions. Her approach was professional and reflective, demonstrating developing confidence in translating public health information into action.

This performance is appropriate for her stage of training. To progress further, she should continue building confidence in leading aspects of outbreak responses and strengthening media and stakeholder communication skills. Overall, this was a strong contribution and a valuable learning experience.