

Health policy intern – Strategic Government Affairs (full-time role)

Location: London (Hybrid)

Salary: London Living Wage – £14.80 per hour

Length of contract: 3 months

Closing date: 19 January 2026, 17:30

Job details

Newmarket Strategy is a rapidly growing consultancy firm operating at the cutting edge of healthcare innovation. Our team has operated at the highest levels of industry, the NHS and government, and our deep expertise spans commercial, market access and policy. We apply these insights for clients across the health and life sciences sector – from pharmaceutical and biotech companies to digital health providers, healthcare and infrastructure services, as well as MedTech and diagnostic innovators.

We are looking for a talented and intellectually curious intern to join our Strategic Government Affairs team. You will play an important role in supporting the delivery of strategic government affairs advice to clients across the health and life sciences industries, helping companies to make the case for the use of their health innovations to senior stakeholders, including policymakers and NHS leaders.

At the heart of your responsibilities will be supporting high-quality client work through policy monitoring and analysis, stakeholder research, and contributing to briefings and strategic advice on a wide range of subjects. You will work closely with colleagues across the business to understand client needs, support the implementation of government affairs strategies, and contribute to new business development activities.

We are an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to diversity and inclusion and applications are encouraged from individuals regardless of age, race, religion, disability, gender or sexual orientation. We treat all job applications equally. Newmarket is committed to hiring, training and promoting candidates based on merit.

Our offer to you

This internship provides:

- London Living Wage of £14.80 per hour
- Central London location (Marylebone)
- Hybrid working (minimum three days per week in the office)
- Structured mentorship from experienced government affairs professionals
- Opportunity to undertake a substantial personal project in your area of interest
- Potential pathway to a full-time role at Newmarket Strategy for those who excel

You will be an important member of our fast-growing business. At Newmarket Strategy, we recognise hard work and employees' ability to take initiative. Curiosity, effort and an ability to learn quickly will be rewarded with meaningful responsibility and genuine involvement in client work. We pride ourselves on a collaborative culture and working environment, with a close-knit support structure in place.

What we are looking for

The successful candidate will have graduated with at least a 2:1 undergraduate degree, and will be able to demonstrate:

- Keen interest in health policy and public affairs
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong analytical and research skills
- Proficiency in the use of standard Microsoft Office software
- Ability to meet deadlines and manage multiple tasks
- Capacity to work independently and as part of a team

Interview/start dates

The application deadline is at **17:30 on 19 January 2026**. Interviews, including a short-written test, will take place from 27 January.

The internship will start in early March 2026 and run for 12 weeks. Our standard working hours are 09:00-17:30, Monday-Friday.

Application and contact details

To apply, please email your CV and a covering letter to SGAinternships@newmarket-strategy.com with the subject line 'Health policy intern – [your name]'. Your covering letter should address the following questions:

- Why would you like to work for Newmarket Strategy? (250 words max)
- In your view, how will the government's plans for healthcare reform and growth of the life sciences sector change the UK health landscape and what key constraints will the government face (250 words max)?

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