

Consultant / Senior Consultant (2-4 years' relevant experience) – Strategic Government Affairs (full-time role)

Location: London (hybrid; office-based Tuesday-Thursday)

Salary and package: competitive

Closing date: 19 May 2026 at 11.59pm

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 bright, knowledgeable and committed person with approximately two to four years of experience in a relevant role to join our dynamic and growing Government Affairs team in central London as a Consultant or Senior Consultant. The scale and pace of change underway in both UK politics and health innovation means this is an incredibly exciting time to join an exciting company working at the forefront of health and life sciences.

About the role

Our Strategic Government Affairs practice fits with our overall approach of providing senior counsel relating to the health and life sciences industries, where the application of our technical expertise in the field is used to help promote health innovations that will improve and save lives.

As a Consultant or Senior Consultant, you will play an important role in continuing to build a successful and dedicated strategic government affairs practice – working with colleagues across the business and stakeholders across the health and life sciences sector.

Central to your role will be delivering effective government affairs advice and high-quality work, built on a good knowledge of the health and life sciences sectors. You will maintain strong, positive relationships with our clients and help to proactively identify and pursue new business opportunities.

You will be working very closely with the Senior Director of Strategic Government Affairs and the wider team to continue to grow the practice, help our clients to achieve their commercial objectives and to bring new and effective innovations to patients across the UK and beyond.

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.

Core responsibilities

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

- **Client strategy and implementation**
 - Help our clients to achieve their goals by implementing strategic programmes based on our expert advice and technical knowledge.
 - Support companies in bringing innovative products and services to market, enhancing patient care and adding value to the healthcare system.
- **Policy analysis and advocacy**
 - Conduct policy and advocacy research
 - Provide analysis and advise clients on changes and trends in healthcare and government policy, including NHS developments.
- **Business development**
 - Identify, scope and develop new business opportunities, leveraging your network and attendance at key events.
 - Support the development and execution of the business development strategy for the Strategic Government Affairs team.
- **Project and team management**
 - Manage multiple clients and projects concurrently.
 - Oversee the implementation of client programmes and handle day-to-day client activities.
- **Thought leadership and outreach**
 - Contribute to Newmarket Strategy's public profile by writing content for our website and supporting our online presence and social media accounts.
 - Attend events and support outreach to key stakeholders across the life sciences sector.
- **Expertise-sharing**
 - Serve as a source of expertise for colleagues on the NHS, health policy, and UK healthcare procurement.

At Newmarket Strategy, we recognise hard work and employees' ability to take initiative. This role requires a dynamic person who is delivery-focused to ensure quality work to tight deadlines.

Curiosity, effort and an ability to learn quickly will be rewarded with rapid progression and significant autonomy. We pride ourselves on a collaborative culture and working environment, with a close-knit support structure in place.

Skills and experience

We are keen to develop a highly functioning and diverse team with a broad set of skills and experiences, please therefore consider applying even if you do not fulfill all the criteria laid out below.

You will have:

- Approximately 2-4 years' working in a relevant role or field.
- Knowledge of the UK healthcare and life sciences landscape and a proven interest in health innovation and the wider sector.
- Good experience of consultancy or consultancy-type work is preferred
- A proven ability to manage complex workstreams for multiple clients and coordinate the work of small project teams.
- Confidence in external stakeholder engagement and excellent communication skills.
- High quality analytical skills and excellent writing skills, with a high level of English language proficiency.
- Ability to work in a collaborative way and contribute to an enjoyable and friendly working environment.

Our offer to you

- Competitive salary with significant annual performance-based bonus scheme
- Competitive package of additional benefits
- Pension contributions
- Central London location
- Hybrid working (office-based Tuesday-Thursday)

Application and contact details

For this role we are asking for your CV, your salary expectations and for your answers to the questions below – to help us to understand you, how your professional experience has prepared you for the role, and why you are specifically interested in working for Newmarket Strategy, alongside your passion and knowledge for the health and life sciences industry.

To apply, please email careers@newmarket-strategy.com with the subject line 'Consultant / Senior Consultant' – [your name]', and attach your CV and a document with your responses to these three questions:

- Why would you like to work for Newmarket Strategy? (250 words max)
- What aspects of your experience, skills and knowledge make you a great fit for this role? (250 words max)
- In your view, what are the major commercial and market access barriers facing UK health and life science companies in 2026? (250 words max)

The application deadline is at 11.59pm on 19 May 2026. Applicants advancing to the next stage will be invited to participate in a short written test before progressing to an in-person interview.

