

## **YOUNG FOUNDATION INTERNSHIP: WINTER 2013**

Project name: Health Advisory

Description: It has become a cliché to point out that public services in general and the NHS in particular face ‘unprecedented challenges’ or a ‘perfect storm’. Although this analysis might be good at selling newspapers, it is less useful for those at the front line of delivering NHS services. The Health Advisory team at The Young Foundation seeks to redress this balance with practical support for the NHS to face the challenges that the future holds.

We work across the NHS and healthcare sector looking at how it can be more innovative – working with individual innovation projects, and strategically with areas of the NHS or at a national level with the Department of Health.

We assisted the recent NHS Chief Executive’s Innovation Review and report ‘Innovation Health and Wealth’. This has put us at the centre of the debate around how the NHS needs to change in the future.

The internship involves helping to run and facilitate events and some desk research in support of this. It gives a broad overview of the healthcare sector and no prior knowledge is needed. We regularly work with other teams within The Young Foundation and so the internship gives a good insight into the organisation’s wider work.

