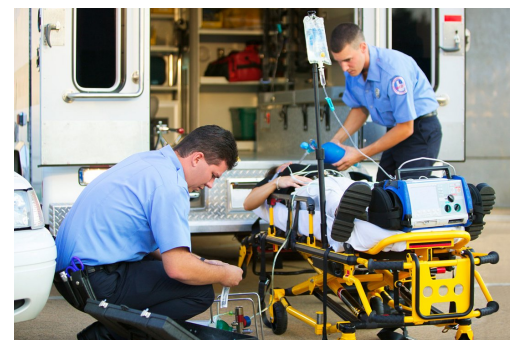


Guide to Health and Social Care



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There are many and varied job roles in Health and Social Care and a career in this sector means you will play a vital role in looking after people's health and well-being.

This sector will need up to 520,000 more workers by 2035 to meet growing demand for care and support. Work in Health and Social Care could include work in the local community, an individual's home, a care home, a hospital, a doctor's surgery or at a dental surgery to name but a few locations. In West London around 86,000 people work in the health sector.

Occupations within the Health and Social Care sector

Some of the occupations employing the most people in West London within the Health and Social Care sector are shown below. These are linked to job profiles on the [Explore Careers](#) section of the National Careers Service website.



Care Worker



Counsellor



Nursery Worker



Paramedic



Anaesthetist



**Forensic
Psychologist**



**Occupational
Therapist**



Dental Hygienist

If you are new to Health and Social Care industry look at the [National Careers Service Explore Careers](#) section or <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk> website to find out more about the types of roles and entry requirements.

Skills

The top skills employers are looking for in this sector are:



Communication



English



Writing



Detail orientated



Planning



Organisation

Entry routes

There are routes into the sector at all levels including:

TRAINEESHIPS

APPRENTICESHIPS

COLLEGE COURSES

DEGREE COURSES

The main entry route is through apprenticeships. In 2019/20 Aug to April 64,830 apprenticeships were started in Health and Social Care. For details of current apprenticeships vacancies go to the Find an apprenticeship service.

There are around 2,370 businesses in West London. The main employer is the National Health Service but there are many small businesses who may be people working for themselves or employing up to nine people. Due to this, many employers use word of mouth to recruit.

Employers recruiting in the industry:

- NHS
- Gold Care Homes Ltd
- Voyage Care
- Churchill Healthcare
- Care UK
- Achieve Together
- Barchester Healthcare
- Onecare UK
- RCP Group Ltd

Where do I search for jobs?

- www.agencycentral.co.uk/
- jobs.communitycare.co.uk/
- www.socialcare.co.uk/

Further information

- West London NHS Trust
<https://www.westlondon.nhs.uk/search>
- Skills for care
skillsforcare.org.uk



There are around 237,000 jobs in Adult Social Care in West London



The highest number of vacancies in West London was for Occupational Therapists



If the adult social care workforce grows proportionally to the projected number of people aged 65 and over in the population then the number of adult social care jobs will increase by 29% (480,000 jobs) to around 2.16 million jobs by 2035

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