

BELIEVE IN BETTER

START YOUR CAREER IN
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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WELCOME

Health and Social Care workers are in place to support the health and wellbeing of everyone at any age.

Careers in Health and Social Care

Here are just a few examples of job titles that have been advertised in the South West region within the last year:

- Social Worker
- Paramedic
- Nurse
- Midwife
- Clinical Psychologist
- Health Play Specialist

Is Health and Social Care an attractive career?

Take a look at the national employment statistics and earning potential – does it look good to you?

By **2025**, there are likely to be **61,363** people employed nationally as Health Professionals, and the sector is predicted to see an **overall increase of 4.4%** (2022 – 2025 figures).

Health Professionals

National Average

£32,760

£17,160

Starter

£34,320

Experienced

Which is the same as



**£630
a week**

Employed Nationally

61,363

59,931

58,500

2022

2023

2024

2025

+4.4%

In the South West the average salary for this job is

£23,400

What type of skills and knowledge will you need?

- A desire to help people
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- Active listening skills
- Sensitivity and understanding
- Patience and ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- Customer service skills
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Ability to work well with others
- Competent computer skills.

What can you expect to do?

Health Care

- Caring for patients' medical needs
- Sharing information with the patient's support team
- Communicating with a patient's family
- Caring for patients with mental health or learning disabilities.

Social Work

- Offer information and counselling
- Put together support plans
- Work closely with communities, health professionals and other agencies
- Help clients to develop and maintain independent living skills.

Working environment

You could work in an office, in an NHS or private hospital, at an adult care home, children's care home or out in the community.

Career path and progression

Health Care

You could train to become a registered nurse, midwife or paramedic. You could also specialise in specific fields such as Healthcare Play or Paediatrics.

Social Work

Each local authority will have a career pathway, with some offering the chance to study for a Postgraduate Masters. You may also go on to become a practice educator and train future social work students.

Qualification requirement

Level

6

The majority of those employed in this role will hold a Master's degree, postgraduate diploma, Level 7 NVQ.

Apprenticeship options include

- Level 2** Healthcare Science Assistant
- Level 5** Rehabilitation Worker (Visual Impairment)
- Level 7** Physician Associate (Degree)

Common study routes include

A Levels

Biology
Chemistry
Psychology

Vocational

Science
English

Degree BSc (Hons) Social Work

Where do I start?

Wherever your starting point we have course that is right for you and will enable to you to progress with confidence into the industry:

Level 1

Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children
Young People's Workforce

Level 2

Health & Social Care (Social Work Programme)

Foundation Programme in Health, Social Care & Children
Young People's Workforce

T Level Transition in Health & Health Science

Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems

Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's
Mental Health

Certificate in the Principles of the Prevention and Control
of Infection in Health Care Settings

Certificate in Counselling Skills | Certificate in Equality &
Diversity | Certificate in Dementia Care

Certificate in Principles of Care Planning | Certificate in Un-
derstanding Behaviour that Challenges

Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care

Adult Care Worker Apprenticeship | Early Years Practitioner
Apprenticeship

Level 3

T Level Health (Supporting Adult Nursing and Midwifery Practice
Specialisms)

T Level Education and Childcare (Early Years Educator and
Assisting Teaching Specialisms)

T Level Health Science

Diploma in Counselling Skills

Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems

Diploma for Residential Childcare (England)

Early Years Educator Apprenticeship | Lead Adult Care Worker
Apprenticeship

Level 4+

Diploma in Counselling Skills

Children, Young People & Families Practitioner (including
Residential Childcare) Apprenticeship

Health Assistant Practitioner Apprenticeship

FdA Childcare Studies, Care and Education

BA (Hons) Childhood Studies, Care and Education (Top-up)

BSc (Hons) Social Work



India Margetts

Level 3 Health and Social Care Student,
previously of Westfield Academy

“I am progressing on to study Midwifery at university. A huge factor in making this decision was the opportunity to complete a work placement in the Midwifery ward at Yeovil District Hospital. By learning from those in the industry, it has really opened my eyes to the different pathways I can take.”

Contact Yeovil College for all the support you may need:



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