

Careers in health: more than nurses and doctors



Hundreds of opportunities

Thinking about joining the team and making a difference?

With more than 350 jobs to choose from, and thousands of apprenticeships and vacancies opening up all the time, you too can work for the NHS.



Find your **top 5**
in **5 minutes** with
the Career Mapper



1.3 million 
people work in the NHS

350+

jobs to choose from



Just one place to look

Everything you need to find out about the different careers in the NHS. Visit:

stepintothenhhs.nhs.uk

Don't know where to start? Try our Career Mapper.

Take five minutes to answer 30 questions and get five NHS career suggestions based on your interests.

Want to know more about a specific career?

The career A-Z has bite-size information on a typical day of over 60 roles in the NHS. You can also find the personal qualities, qualifications and training needed. Not to mention, loads of real-life stories and videos.

Ready to take the next step?

There are top tips for finding apprenticeships and work experience placements.

86%

of 16-24-year-olds in the NHS say their experience of working here is positive



new apprenticeships
by 2020



Edith's story

Edith is 81 and is having trouble breathing.
Find out about the careers that helped her

Edith goes to see her GP who sends a blood sample to a **biomedical scientist** for checking



Edith sees a **respiratory physiologist** who uses high-tech equipment to test her breathing



a **district nurse** visits Edith a few days later to see how she is and check her breathing

her new diet means she hasn't had problems breathing for weeks.



the **medical secretary** sends Edith's information by email, which has just been fixed by the **network manager**

she has had an allergic reaction to food so a **dietitian** talks about her diet

Edith is taken shopping by an **occupational therapy assistant** who helps her buy the right food



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“I knew all along that I wanted to do something that makes a difference and better the lives of others and I’m now able to help people, using scientific methods and the skills I’ve gained.”

– *Ravind, biomedical scientist*

“I learned that being able to communicate with patients can be the difference between an average healthcare professional and a brilliant one. I really want to be a brilliant one.”

– *Sunifa, work experience, Plymouth*

“I’ve learned so much, I’m getting paid and I’m getting my qualifications at the same time. I’ve such a good career ahead of me. You can’t get better than that!”

– *Beth, apprentice pharmacy technician*



Mohammed's story

Mohammed is 11 and broke his leg playing football.
Find out about the careers that helped him.

an **emergency medical dispatcher** sends an ambulance with a **paramedic**



he arrives at A&E and is checked by a **nurse** and an **A&E doctor**.
A **diagnostic radiographer** takes an X-ray



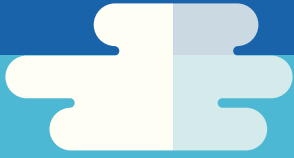
he needs an operation and is taken to the theatre by a **porter**



the **medical records clerk** prepares Mohammed's patient records

the **operating department practitioner** prepares the theatre and helps the **surgeon** during the operation





..... Mohammed has great fun with the **health play specialist** as he recovers on the ward



a **pharmacist** gives his parents some medicine just before he goes home



a **physiotherapist** comes to see him at home the next day and says he'll be playing football again in a few weeks.

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“there are more options available than I realised ... I don't just have to be a doctor or nurse, or GP”

