

Careers in health:

so much more than nurses and doctors



More than

350+
possible careers

25,000
Job vacancies
every month.

100,000 

new apprenticeships
by 2020

The worlds

5th biggest
employer





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Don't know
where to start?

Career mapper

5

minutes



30

questions



5

Top 5 NHS
careers for you



Got a Career in mind
and want to find out more?

Career A to Z

- Career overviews – including a typical day in the life and qualifications you'll need
 - Real-life stories by people working in the NHS
 - Videos featuring NHS employees and apprentices



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



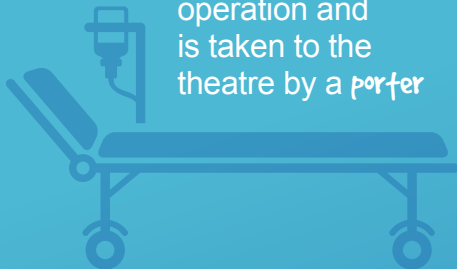
the operating department practitioner prepares the theatre and helps the surgeon during the operation



the medical records clerk prepares Mohammed's patient records

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

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



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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for the full list of roles

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



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



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



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



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

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

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



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Ready for your next step?

- How to find work experience in the NHS
 - Info about apprenticeships
- Real-life stories of NHS work experience



“Some of the **mutations I find are unique** – they have never been seen by anyone else”

– Kate, pre-registered clinical scientist

“The sense of job satisfaction is huge – you can really **make a difference**”

– Michael, MBBS trainee doctor

Jobs people love doing

“when you see the results through the **progress children make**, it is very rewarding”

– Sophie, specialist speech and language therapist

“I love having the challenge of such a steep learning curve, at the same time as feeling **fully supported** by my brilliant team”

– Anna, assistant clinical psychologist



“Even when the **adrenalin’s pumping** you have to stay calm and reassuring for the caller”

— Tom, emergency medical dispatcher

“70% of my time is spent dealing with the **effects of accidents** ... Trampolines and monkey bars have got a lot to answer for!”

— Rachel, occupational therapist

“I have to ‘pull up’ and **prepare the medical notes** on each patient ready for their consultation, and then make sure all the information is kept up to date”

— Nikki, administration assistant / clerical officer



“you can get **experience in all areas** of accounting: managing budgets, payroll, purchasing, and financial accounting”

— Becky, accountant

“No matter what my future life looks like, nursing means I’ll be able to work in a job I enjoy ... I’ve managed to create a **fantastic platform for whatever comes next**”

— Katie, practice educator

“If you’re looking for a career with lots of **opportunities to progress** up the ladder then this job is excellent”

— Lisa, assistant personnel officer



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

— Year 10 student, York

“opened up my mind to different career paths in the NHS as well as **a real feel of what it is like** to work in the NHS”

— Year 10 student, Bournemouth

“allowed me to focus on the career **choices most suited to me** and so has set me on a good path”

— Year 12 student, London

opening doors

“I have also discovered different careers I didn't know about beforehand but also **what to do if I don't get the results I want**”

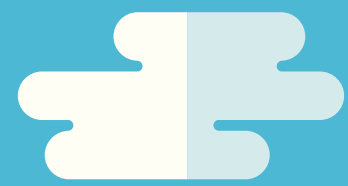
— Year 11 student, London

“makes me think that the NHS is keen to recruit young people and is **doing a lot to help** them”

— Year 10 student, Plymouth

“NHS careers have a great number of **different pathways within a single branch** that I am interested in”

— Year 11 student, Leicester



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