

So, you're thinking of a career in... HEALTH AND CARE

What is the Health and Care sector all about?

Whether you're treating poorly patients or conducting life-saving research, working in the health and care sector means you'll be making a real difference to the lives of others.

As well as doctors, nurses, and other care-giving roles, there are plenty of opportunities for IT specialists, software designers or even dance therapists!

Will there be any opportunities and where are they?

The Health and Care sector employs approximately 110,000 people in the area, with Liverpool being home to more specialist hospitals and health centres than any other UK city outside of London. As the demand on the NHS grows in years to come, more vacancies will need to be filled.

With hundreds of health and medical companies based here, the area is considered to be one of the UK's top three clusters of biomedical activity.

How to get into the sector?

Important skills to have:	Useful subjects to study:
Empathy	Maths
Listening Skills	English
Project Management	Physics
Managing and Motivating other staff	Chemistry
Communication skills	Biology
Problem solving – being creative and finding solutions	Design and Technology
Timekeeping and Time management	ICT

What types of jobs are available?

Allied health professionals: The allied health professions cover a broad range of careers such as podiatry, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy.

Podiatrist: You will work with people's feet and legs. You'll diagnose and treat abnormalities and offer professional advice on care of feet and legs to prevent foot problems.

Ambulance service team: The ambulance service is about getting patients to where they need to be cared for in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Paramedic: Paramedics provide first aid and life support treatment in emergency situations and transport sick and injured people who require skilled treatment.

Dental: Dental focuses on mouth health and may work in a variety of settings including general high street practices, hospitals, community services or in universities

Dental Practitioner: You'll diagnose dental and oral diseases, injuries and disorders, prescribe and administer treatment, as well as recommend preventative action.

Doctors: Doctors diagnose and treat medical conditions, disorders, and diseases through the application of specialist medical skills and knowledge.

Medical practitioner: You'll diagnose mental disorders, diseases and physical injuries. Prescribe and give treatment, recommend preventative action, conduct training and research.

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Human Health & Social Care: Delivery of health care in primary, tertiary settings, residential care homes and providing care services in people's own homes.

Care Worker: Care workers and home carers attend to the personal needs and comforts of the elderly and the infirm with care and support needs.

Medical associate: Under the supervision of a doctor, medical associates will help out with the day-to-day patient care, releasing additional time for doctors to focus on more complex issues.

Surgical care practitioner: Your main responsibilities would be to support surgeons and other professionals before, during and after surgical procedures.

Midwifery: The role they have in preparing women for the delivery of new life makes them a vital presence during all stages of pregnancy, labour and the early postnatal period.

Midwife: You'll deliver, or assist in the delivery of babies, provide antenatal and postnatal care and advise parents on baby care.

Nursing: A nurse could work across adult, mental health, learning disability and children – working across a variety of territories such as A&E, neonatal, theatre and prisons.

Nurse: You'll care for the sick and injured, assist medical doctors with their tasks and work with other healthcare professionals and within teams of healthcare workers.

Psychological therapies: A career in this field could see you working with those who have mild conditions, such as anxiety, to severe depression or more rare and complex conditions such as bipolar disorder.

Psychologist: You'll research, study and assess emotional, cognitive and behavioural processes and abnormalities in human beings.

Public health: Roles are based in organisations such as the government, schools or the armed forces, working as a health visitor, school nurse or an environmental health professional.

Environmental Health: You'll help to protect people from health risks associated with the environment in which they live and work.

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