

Health & Social Care Careers Newsletter for Students and Parents

Did you know?

- There are over **350** different careers within the NHS
- There are over **30,000** NHS staff working across Surrey with a further **33,000** professionals working within social care.
- Over 12,000 staff work in **non-clinical roles** this includes administrative functions, HR, finance, communications, IT, engineering and other corporate services.

Apprenticeships

There are a wide range of apprenticeships now available across health and social care in both clinical and non clinical areas. This includes roles such as:

- Administration
- IT
- Dental assistant
- Laboratory technician
- Nursing
- Paramedic
- Pharmacy technician

You can start a career at the right level for you and progress through to degree level apprenticeships and beyond. Further details can be found [here](#). The Apprenticeship Manager at your local NHS trust can provide further details and advice on applying for apprenticeship opportunities.

Salaries

A healthcare assistant or porter may start on £17,652. A nurse, radiographer or physiotherapist may earn from £24,214. There are many progression opportunities depending on how far you wish to progress. For example a psychologist or chief nurse may earn up to £73,939.

Spotlight on Careers

Operating Department Practitioners support patients during surgery, they assist with pre-op assessments, prepare equipment for surgery and provide instruments to the surgeon during procedures. They assess and monitor patients during the recovery stage.

Occupational Therapists work with people of all ages, in hospitals, in the community, and in schools. They work with people who have difficulties carrying out tasks because of disability, illness, trauma, ageing and a range of long term conditions. They may help someone adapt to life after surgery or help people stay in their own home by providing adaptations and equipment.



Careers Events

To support students considering a career within health and social care, we will be holding several events across Surrey for students and their parents. The events are designed to highlight the range of opportunities available and include activities, tours and presentations. Information is available on apprenticeship, university and training pathways.

Dates this year are:

- 11th November 2019 5.00 - 8.30pm, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill
- 13th February 2020 (time TBC) Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals, Ashford
- 25th March 2020 (time TBC) Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford

Registration is required for these events as places are limited, parents and students are recommended to register early. Registration opens 2 months before each event and further details can be found [here](#).

Information on work experience and other careers information can be found on our careers information [page](#).

**Not sure which role
would suit you best?
Try out the quiz – it
takes 10 minutes**
[Careers Quiz](#)