



EARLY CAREERS NEWSLETTER





Welcome to the **October** Edition of the 'One Glos' Health & Care Careers Newsletter, where you'll discover the latest career opportunities including Apprenticeships, Entry Levels Jobs, Events, highlights and more!

Email us at glicb.careers@nhs.net for more info.



UPCOMING EVENTS



'Ask the Professional'
Gloucestershire Health &
Care Trust Online Q&A
webinar
Wednesday 15th October
3:30pm

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Click here to book



Virutal Allied Health Professions Insight Event Friday 16th October 2025

6:00pm - 7:00pm
Are you a student,
parent/carer or teacher or
considering a change in
career? Join this event to hear
about all the roles within
Allied Health Professions
For more information contact
england.southeastapprentices

hips@nhs.net



Psychology Taster Day
University of Gloucestershire
19th November 2025
8am - 5pm
Join UoG for an exciting
Psychology Taster Day. Get
hands-on experience in their
state-of-the-art facilities,
meet expert teaching staff,
and explore what it is like to
study on our programmes.

Register now: www.glos.ac.uk

APPRENTICESHIPS & ENTRY LEVEL CAREERS

Apprenticeships Level 2 - Level 7

Level 2 - Intermediate - equivalent to five GCSE passes

- L2 Pharmacy Assistant Apprenticeship RJR Chem LTD, Abbeydale closing date 8th October 2025
- L2 Pharmacy Assistant HC Pharma LTD, Gloucester closing date 9th October 2025

Level 3 - Advanced apprenticeships - equivalent to A-Level standard

- L3 Optical Assistant Apprenticeship Stroud Specsavers closing date 6th October 2025
- L3 Admin Apprentice First Thought Care Services Ltd, Gloucester closing date 19th October 2025
- L3 <u>Dental Nurse Apprenticship MyDentist, Cheltenham</u> closing date 20th October
- L3 Apprentice Dental Nurse The Dental Practice, Gloucester closing date 23rd October
- L3 <u>Dental Nurse MyDentist, Gloucester</u> closing date 27th October 2025
- L3 <u>Apprentice Dental Nurse Hilltop Dental Practice, Cheltenham</u> closing date 31st Oct

Level 4 - Higher Apprenticeship - equivalent to a HNC

• L4 Residential Children and Young People Support Worker Apprenticeship - Within Reach Services Limited, Gloucester - closing date 15th October 2025

NHS Band 2 Roles (more via NHS Jobs)

Housekeeper - Wotton Lawn, Gloucester (GHC) - closing date 14th October 2025 NHS Band 3 Roles (more via NHS Jobs)

- <u>Therapy Support Worker Gloucester (GHFT)</u> closing date 5th October 2025
- <u>Decontamination Technician Cheltenham (GHC)</u> closing date 9th October 2025

Other NHS Roles (more via NHS Jobs)

- Theatre Healthcare Assistant Aspen Medical Centre, Gloucester closing date 13th October 25
- Care Assistant (Bank) Barchester Healthcare, Cirencester closing date 11th November
- <u>Admin Assistant (Bank) Barchester Healthcare, Cirencester</u> closing date 14th November 2025
- Healthcare Assistant Elysium Healthcare, Gloucester closing date 14th November 25





Keep up to date with apprenticeships/careers here



Find an Apprenticeship

Uncertain about the right career path or how to apply for an apprenticeship,? Contact us! We're here to help you navigate the process

We are the NHS. We are recruiting. We are jobs.

Looking for a Job?

Around 25,000 vacancies are advertised every month on the NHS Jobs website in more than 350 different careers. Whether you want to work directly with patients or behind the scenes, there'll be a job to suit you.

What every job in the NHS has in common is the knowledge that you're making a difference to people's lives every day. If your heart is set on a career in the NHS, why not apply today:

Visit NHS Jobs to get started.

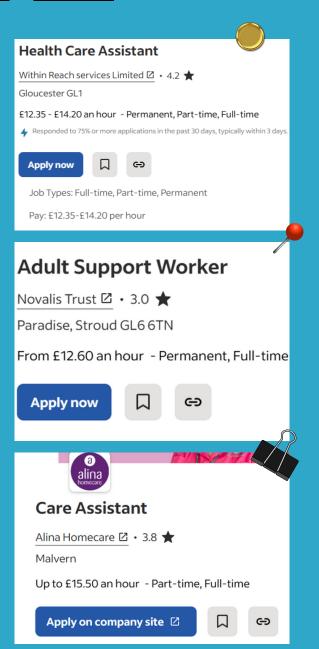


SOCIAL CARE CAREERS

Social Care is a term that generally describes all forms of practical and personal care and assistance, aimed at supporting individuals in ways that allow them to live independently.

Below are some examples of current vacancies, while others can be found on sites such as <u>Indeed</u>, <u>Glosjobs</u> or <u>Total Jobs</u>.





ASYE SOCIAL WORKER RECRUITMENT

Gloucestershire County Council currently have
Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE)
opportunities within their Hospital Team and Learning
Disabilities Team.

These roles offer a supportive environment for newly qualified social workers to develop their skills and gain valuable experience. If you're interested, please apply via their careers page

Visit https://careers.gloucestershire.gov.uk/go/Adults-Social-Work-Jobs/8558055/



APPRENTICESHIP/EARLY CAREERS SPOTLIGHT OPTICAL ASSISTANT

What is a Optical Assistant?

An Optical Assistant is found in many areas of the healthcare industry including small practices, large multiple practices, or within a person's home or care facility. It is a support role assisting an Optometrist and/or Dispensing Optician.

The purpose of their role is to identify the appropriate optical device to meet the need of the customer. You will review spectacles for quality, prescription, measurement and accuracy and the effects on the eye and vision. Optical Assistants need to be able to identify the appropriate optical appliance, such as spectacles, contact lenses or magnifiers to meet the individual's needs, and be able to explain the features and benefits of these, using non-technical, customer friendly language. Optical assistants are the first point of contact for customers. They welcome customers into the store, carry out pre-screening tests and help customers select the correct frames and lenses for their prescription.

In your daily work, you will not only interact with patients, service users and carers, but also members of the multidisciplinary team, including GPs, optometrists, ophthalmologists, and orthoptists. As well as administration, management and other non-clinical staff like receptionists and retail managers.



Salary: Starting salaries for optical assistants are usually in the region of £15,500 a year. With experience this can rise to around between £18,000 - £25,000 a year

Hours: Usually Full-time, including weekend shifts

Locations: Primarily retail environments such as high street optician's. Or healthcare practices and community settings.

Key Skills & Responsibilities include:

Customer Service - Greeting customers, booking appointments, answering phones, and explaining products and services.

Pre-screening - Optical assistants help to prepare patients for their eye examinations or tests. For example, conducting preliminary eye tests.

Eyewear Dispensing - Helping customers choose suitable frames and lenses, measuring for accurate fitting, and making adjustments.

Technical Duties - Performing pre-tests, operating equipment, and checking the quality and accuracy of spectacles and prescriptions.

Administrative Support - This includes filing and keeping patient records and information, booking and scheduling customer appointments and ordering stock and other admin supplies.

Entry Requirements

If you have optics experience, you could join as an experienced Optical Assistant.

If you don't have experience, you could join us as a Trainee Optical Assistant or Apprentice and gain valuable knowledge and experienced while on the job.

A good general education is required. Employers may ask for at least English and Maths pass grade, with basic IT skills. Relevant experience in a customer service or retail role would be an advantage, and sometimes, necessary.

VIRTUAL LEARNING & WORK EXPERIENCE



HEALTHCARE SCIENCE CAREERS: VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WITH NHSE

This programme is open to anyone aged 13+

You'll explore the key areas of healthcare science, from life sciences and physiological sciences to physical sciences, learning how these fields work together to improve patient care.

You'll also discover different career pathways in

healthcare science, such as T-Levels,
apprenticeships, and university courses, and how
to choose the best route for you.

Visit <u>www.springpod.com</u> to sign up

INTRODUCING PUBLIC HEALTH

Free online course

This course presents some key elements of public health and health promotion. It considers the scope and focus of public health and how it is subject to change and located within the wider global context.

After studying this course, you should be able to demonstrate some knowledge and understanding of the wider determinants of health and ill-health and understand the roles of people and agencies who undertake work in the promotion of public health.

Visit <u>www.open.edu</u> to enrol





DISCOVER DENTISTRY

Future Learn

Discover the fascinating world of dentistry and explore the impact dentistry has on our lives.

Are you fascinated by the world of dentistry? This 6-week course by the University of Sheffield will provide you with the essentials of dentistry from leading dental experts.

You'll explore the intricacies of what dentists do, learn how to become a dentist and discover the rich history of dentistry.

Visit www.futurelearn.com to sign up

VOLUNTEERING

www.emedgroup.co.uk/volunteer





RECRUITING VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS

We are looking for Volunteer Car Drivers to support the NHS in carrying out critical patient transport journeys.





VOLUNTEER DRIVER (EMED GROUP) - GLOUCESTER & LYDNEY

Become a vital part of our Patient Transport
Service in your local area. Your commitment will
ensure that vulnerable patients can access
essential medical appointments on time with ease
and comfort.

As a volunteer, you'll be the friendly face that patients rely on during their journey to appointments. Your role is simple yet profoundly impactful: providing safe and reliable transportation, while offering reassurance and support during a challenging time in their lives.

Visit www.jobs.nhs.uk to apply

ST JOHN AMBULANCE VOLUNTEER YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER WITH NHS CADETS

St John Ambulance and the NHS are working in partnership to prepare young people to become health volunteer. As a St John Ambulance volunteer with NHS Cadets Project, you'll receive free E-learning to support young people, who gain skills and opportunities to sustain themselves in health care volunteering.

To be successful in this role you will have a passion for working with young people with some experience of delivering to them in any capacity.

We currently have vacancies across England, in person and remotely via Teams link for our virtual programmes.

Apply for this opportunity here



ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Are you looking for a meaningful way to give back to your community?

Volunteering in Adult Social Care offers a rewarding opportunity to support adults who need extra help to live independently. Whether you're chatting with someone over a cup of tea, sharing your hobbies, or helping out with activities, your time can make a real difference.

Volunteers of all ages (16+) and backgrounds are welcome. No experience needed – just a friendly attitude and a willingness to help.

To find out more or apply, email: ASCRecruitment@gloucestershire.gov.uk

VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND ALLIED HEATH PROFESSIONALS - INSIGHT EVENT

Allied Health Professionals are the third largest clinical workforce in the NHS. Made up of 14 unique and diverse professions, their practice is integral to most clinical pathways.

Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) work across organisational boundaries, providing solution-focused, goal-centred care to support patients' independence.

Learrn more about these roles by visiting www.healthcareers.nhs.uk





VIRTUAL NHS ENGLAND SOUTH EAST
ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
INSIGHT EVENT

Are you a student, parent/carer or teacher, or considering a change in career?

Join this event to hear about all the roles within allied health professions (AHPS) and the career and educational pathways available, including apprenticeships

There will be a diverse panel of speakers, talking about different settings an AHP could work in, sharing their insights and experiences





MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES

GCC Adult Social Care Out & About

The GCC Adult Social Care team will be attending the upcoming DWP event on 16th October and we'd love to meet you!

Come and chat with us to learn more about careers in adult social care, the support we offer, and how you can get involved in making a real difference in your community.

Location to be announced soon on the DWP website – keep an eye out!

* Cirencester College Visit

Work Placements for Health T Level Students

We're excited to be visiting Cirencester College on 14 October to speak with Health T Level students about work placement opportunities in adult social care. There are 9 placements available for the current academic year, offering valuable hands-on experience in a rewarding sector.

We're looking forward to meeting the students and sharing more about the roles and support available.







WWY Out & About

Career Fair season has officially started, and the team have been out and about attending various Job and Career Fair. This will continue to keep us busy for much of October.

We hope to see you out and about in the coming month!

Welcome to the Team

With the introduction of our new Care to Make a Difference Programme, the team will be pretty busy for the next few months. So, we are pleased to welcome **Gugu** & **Taiwo** to the We Want You Team. We hope you are settling in well!







Contact us

One Gloucestershire Careers Engagement & Outreach Team (We Want You)
Email: glicb.careers@nhs.net





Inspiring the Next Generation.









Explore a career in Healthcare Science and Allied Health Professions like never before!

With more than 20 interactive stands featuring Healthcare Scientists and Allied Health Professionals, you'll have the chance to meet passionate experts who will share their careers, experiences, and why they love their work.

Explore the science labs and experience some thrilling experiments firsthand throughout the day. The 'We Want You' team will be on hand, offering expert coaching and guidance, along with the chance to attend insightful presentations from our teams that will deepen your understanding of the field.

The event is open to:

- Primary school pupils (Year 6)
- Secondary school pupils (Year 7+)
- College students
- Parents/carers/teachers and career advisors

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT!



Saturday 7 March from 10:00 - 13:00



Cleeve School, Two Hedges Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Cheltenham, GL52 8AE



DISCOVER CAREERS IN THE

NHS

Our NEW digital resources are designed to help young people to learn about the wide range of health and science roles – many of which are key in the NHS.

Utilise these resources to help develop the next generation of healthcare professionals in the NHS.





NHS, Health & Science Careers Guides



Explore Careers in the NHS Online Course



NHS Cadets

Limited Space
Register Now!

Unlock your potential by registering today for the **Gloucestershire September 2025 intake!**

This has been developed by St John Ambulance, in collaboration with the NHS, to offer a unique chance to explore various areas of health and social care.

The NHS Cadets **FREE**programme provides two
options for young people
aged **14 to 18**; a foundation
pathway for young people
aged 14-16 and an
advanced pathway for
those aged 16 to 18.

This will include **2 hour virtual session**s every week for **16 weeks.**It's a great way to learn a lot about health and social care.

Foundation Sign Up



Advanced Sign Up





The dedicated NHS Cadet team will be by your side, offering support and guidance throughout the programme.

This programme will fit seamlessly into the **volunteering** or **skills** sections for bronze, silver and gold **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE**)





So, grab a chance to broaden your horizons, gain essential skills and enjoy getting to know other NHS cadets!



EDUCATION AT PROSPERITY CARE & WELLBEING

WHO IS IT FOR? 🧩





LEARNING OPPORTUNIES



Learning is conducive with the likes and dislikes of each person, and we encourage individuals to have an input in what learning takes place. Having a person-centred approach enhances the learning experience and makes the content both relevant and engaging.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Learner's are given the opportunity to complete AQA Units, written by subject experts
- We are flexible in delivering sessions and offer both 1:1 and group sessions, offering a wide range of workshops.
- We collaborate with external partners to help learners gain experience in their areas of interest



WHO TO CONTACT



If you have any further questions, please contact Sheryl Gayle.



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WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?



- We place learners at the heart of their development, ensuring their needs and interests guide our approach.
- Education facilitators, who guide learning opportunities, bring lived experience that foster positive relationships with learners, with care being at the core of all that we do.

WHERE ARE WE BASED?

The primary location for education is the Prosperity Training Hub however, depending on interests and topics being covered, we have the flexibility to utilise external environments which are specific to the learning needs of the individual.







Are you a science student looking for a career in healthcare?

Join the Healthcare Science Network—South England

Free Membership

Membership benefits include:

- Careers information and routes into healthcare
- Volunteering and Ambassador opportunities
- Free webinars and online courses
- HCS talks series
- Research Hub
- Networking with academics and NHS staff across South England
- Funding opportunities



Scan here to join





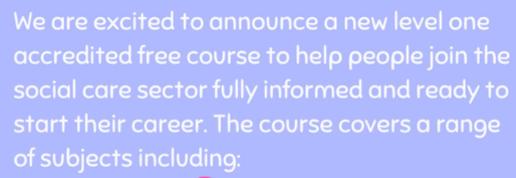


four journey to a career in social care

PATHWAY TO CARE

LEVEL 1 ACCREDITED

QUALIFICATION



- Intro to Adult Social Care
- Personal Care
- Continence Care
- End of Life Care

In partnership with





