General practitioner

General practitioners (GPs) treat all common medical conditions and refer patients to hospitals and other medical services for urgent and specialist treatment.

You'll have an important role looking after patients in your community.

Life as a GP

You'll be part of a wider team that promotes, prevents and offers treatment. You'll care for people with chronic illness and long-term conditions, aiming to keep them well and in their own homes.

A full-time working week usually comprises of eight sessions, which equates to four days. A typical day in the practice normally starts at around 8am when you'll check paperwork before seeing patients. You'll spend time with a mix of patients with a variety of health needs until late morning, either face-to-face or through a phone consultation. At the end of morning surgery, some GPs see extra patients who need to be seen urgently.

After morning appointments, you'll generally catch up on paperwork, and make any phone calls. After lunch you may visit patients in their homes or care homes. Once visits are complete, you'll start your afternoon surgery, which might run from 3pm until 5.30pm. You may also provide evening and weekend appointments.

Dr Chris Pearce

Each patient experiences conditions slightly differently which means that the work is never boring. There is also a detective element that I enjoy - you may have to look beneath the presenting symptoms to find out what the patient is really saying.

Read Chris's story [1]
How much can I earn?

GPs employed by the NHS receive a salary of between £68,975 to £104,085.

Many other GPs are responsible for running their own practices either alone or in partnership with other GPs. This means they have the freedom to decide how much to pay themselves and their employees, including any GPs they employ.

How about the benefits?

- make a difference
- flexible and part-time working
- high income early in your career
- work anywhere in the world
- excellent pension scheme
- good holiday entitlement
- NHS discounts in shops and restaurants

Must-have skills

- communication skills
- an interest in working with people
- the ability to work as part of a large team
- the willingness and ability to handle uncertainty and conflicting demands
- the ability to stay calm while working under pressure
- excellent organisational and time-management skills
- a willingness to develop entrepreneurial and business skills
- good IT skills
- the ability to manage change

Entry requirements

Your first step is medical school. Typically, you’ll need excellent GCSEs and three A or A* passes at A level including chemistry for a five-year undergraduate degree in medicine. Many medical schools also ask for biology and others may require maths or physics.

If you already have a degree, you could study for a four-year postgraduate degree in medicine.

You’ll need to pass an interview and admissions test. You’ll be asked to show how you demonstrate the NHS values such as compassion and respect.

Some medical schools look to recruit a mix of students from different backgrounds and
geographical areas, so your educational and economic background and family circumstances could be considered as part of your application.

**How to become a GP**

After medical school, you’ll join the paid two-year foundation programme [2] where you’ll work in six placements in different settings.

After your foundation programme, you can apply for paid specialty training [3] to become a GP which will take a minimum of three years.

You may be able to train part time, for example for health reasons or if you have family or caring responsibilities.

**Where a career as a GP can take you**

You could:

- specialise in areas such as sports medicine, adolescent health, diabetes or palliative medicine
- get involved in research at universities, the NHS or the private sector
- teach medical students or postgraduate doctors in training

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Cardiff University
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- Admissions address
  30-36 Newport Road
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  United Kingdom

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Cardiff University


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  Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery - MB BCh

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  Type:
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  Practice Plus Group

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GP General Practitioner

Ringwood, BH24 1JY

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Ringwood Medical Practice
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General Practitioner (GP)

Newport, PO30 1NR

Salary: £12500.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Newport Health Centre
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General Practitioner (GP)

Ryton, NE40 3LT
Rowlands Gill, NE39 1PW
Ryton, NE40 4US

Salary: £11875.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Fuller and Forbes Partnership
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General Practitioner (GP)

London, SW19 5BY

Salary: £10000.00 to £10300.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Wimbledon Village Surgery
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**General Practitioner (GP)**

Barnstaple, EX32 8HY

Salary: £11875.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Fuller and Forbes Partnership
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**Salaried General Practitioner (GP)**

Stafford, ST19 9BQ
Stafford, ST19 9NB
Wolverhampton, WV95DL

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Brewood Medical Practice
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**Salaried General Practitioner (GP)**

Burscough, L40 4LA

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Burscough Family Practice
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**General Practitioner - Salaried GP**

Dereham, NR20 5JS
Dereham, NR20 4LT
Dereham, NR19 1LD

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Elmham Group of Surgeries
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Salaried General Practitioner (GP) Doncaster

Doncaster, DN1 2DJ
Thorne Road, DN2 5LT

Salary: £70000.00 to £105000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: FCMS
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Salaried General Practitioner (GP) Lancashire

Blackpool, FY4 4EW

Salary: £70000.00 to £105000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: FCMS
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General Practitioner (GP) - Out Of Hours - Devon

and Newton Abbot., EX1 3QS

Salary: £70.00 to £100.00
Type: Locum
Employer: Practice Plus Group
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General Practitioner (GP) - Acute Diagnostic Oncology Clinic

London, SW10 9NH

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Fixed-Term
Employer: Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) - St Helens Medical Centre

Ryde, PO33 1UG

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: One Wight Health Ltd

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GP GENERAL PRACTITIONER FULL TIME/PART TIME

ESSEX, RM5 3QL

Salary: £10300.00 to £11000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Lynwood Medical Centre

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General Practitioner

Didcot, OX11 7GD

Salary: £9500.00 to £11000.00
Type: Permanent
General Practitioner

Ely, CB6 2RB

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent

Employer: Malling Health UK Ltd

General Practitioner

Uxbridge, UB11 1FW

Salary: £65.00 to £80.00
Type: Locum

Employer: Practice Plus Group

General Practitioner

Bognor Regis, PO21 1UT

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent

Employer: Bognor Medical Practice

General Practitioner

Bicester, OX26 6HT

Salary: £10600.00
Type: Permanent

Employer:
Montgomery - House Surgery
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General Practitioner

Colchester, CO4 5JR

Salary: £85.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Practice Plus Group

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General Practitioner

Plymouth, PL4 9DP

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Friary House Surgery

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General Practitioner

Uxbridge, UB111FW

Salary: £80.00 to £95.00
Type: Locum
Employer: Practice Plus Group

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General Practitioner

Burgess Hill, RH15 9DE

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Nuffield Health

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General Practitioner
Colchester, CO4 5JR
Salary: £85.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Practice Plus Group
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General Practitioner
Basingstoke, RG24 9DT
Salary: £104,176.00 to £104,176.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
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General Practitioner
Lancaster, LA1 1PN
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Lancaster, LA1 4ZP
Lancaster, LA1 2LG
Lancaster, LA1 3AQ
Lancaster, LA1 4JS
Lancaster, LA2 0NB
Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Lancaster Medical Practice
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General Practitioner
Harrow, HA1 3UJ
Salary: £85.00 to £95.00
General Practitioner

Harrogate, HG1 5AR

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: The Spa Surgery
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General Practitioner

Crewe, CW1 3AW

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Earnswood Medical Centre
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General Practitioner

West Bromwich, B71 4HJ

Salary: £95000.00 to £110000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Malling Health UK Ltd
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General Practitioner

Warrington, WA2 7NG

Salary: Negotiable
Type:
General Practitioner

Newport, NP19 9PS

Salary: £10500.00
Type: Permanent
Employer:
    Ringland Medical Practice
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General Practitioner

Liverpool, L7 6HD

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer:
    Dunstan Village Group Practice
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General Practitioner

Dudley, DY1 2HQ

Salary: £90000.00 to £110000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer:
    Malling Health UK Ltd
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General Practitioner

Brighton, BN1 3XE

Salary: £80000.00 to £100000.00
Type: Permanent
GP GENERAL PRACTITIONER FULL TIME/PART TIME

ESSEX, RM5 3QL

Salary: £10300.00 to £11000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Lynwood Medical Centre
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General Practitioner (Salaried)

Lampeter, SA48 7AA

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: GP Practice in Wales
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Overnights General Practitioner

Ipswich, IP3 9FH

Salary: £82.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Practice Plus Group
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Overnights General Practitioner job (opens in a new window)

Salaried General Practitioner

Worthing, BN11 2LL

Salary: Negotiable
Bank General Practitioner

Worcester, WR3 8TJ

Salary: £70.07 to £87.02
Type: Bank
Employer: Practice Plus Group
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Salaried General Practitioner

Barton Upon Humber, DN18 5ER

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: The Central Surgery
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Salaried General Practitioner

Gosport, PO13 0EW
Gosport, PO12 1BA
Gosport, PO12 3JP
Gosport, PO12 1PA

Salary: £104176.00 to £104176.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust
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General Practitioner (Parkside)

Camberwell Green, SE5 7AQ

Salary:
  Negotiable
Type:
  Permanent
Employer:
  Omnes Healthcare Limited
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Salaried General Practitioner

Melton Mowbray, LE14 4PA

Salary:
  Negotiable
Type:
  Permanent
Employer:
  Vale Medical Group
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Salaried General Practitioner

St Leonards-On-Sea, TN38 8BL

Salary:
  Negotiable
Type:
  Permanent
Employer:
  Carisbrooke Surgery
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General Practitioner (Forest)

Walthamstow, E17 4BA

Salary:
  Negotiable
Type:
  Permanent
Employer:
General Practitioner (Rainham)

Rainham, RM13 9AB

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Omnes Healthcare Limited

Bank General Practitioner

Gloucester, GL2 8DN

Salary: £75.73 to £109.63
Type: Bank
Employer: Practice Plus Group

General Practitioner Assistant

South Shields, NE33 3ET
Jarrow, NE32 3JN

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Ravensworth Surgery

General Practitioner Assistant

South Shields, NE33 3ET
Jarrow, NE32 3JN
Salary:
   Negotiable
Type:
   Permanent
Employer:
   Ravensworth Surgery
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**Salaried General Practitioner**

Woolwich, SE18 6PZ
London, SE3 8HQ

Salary:
   £11409.31 to £12550.24
Type:
   Permanent
Employer:
   Valentine Health Partnership
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**Salaried General Practitioner**

London, SW11 2NU

Salary:
   £100000.00 to £100000.00
Type:
   Permanent
Employer:
   Practice Plus Group
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Salaried General Practitioner job (opens in a new window) [63]

**Salaried General Practitioner**

Burnley, BB12 8BP

Salary:
   Negotiable
Type:
   Permanent
Employer:
   Padiham Group Practice
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General Practitioner - Ringwood

Ringwood, BH24 1JY
Lymington, SO41 8QD

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Bank
Employer: Partnering Health Ltd
Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Practitioner - Ringwood job (opens in a new window) [65]

General Practitioner - Salaried

Richmond, TW9 4BH

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer: Kew Medical Practice
Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Practitioner - Salaried job (opens in a new window) [66]

Salaried General Practitioner

Hayes, UB3 1NY

Salary: £100000.00 to £110000.00
Type: Permanent
Employer: Shakespeare Health Centre
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General Practitioner (Greenwich)

London, SE10 0QN

Salary: Negotiable
Type: Permanent
Employer:
Omnes Healthcare Limited
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General Practitioner (Porters)

Dagenham, RM8 2EQ

Salary:
Negotiable

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
Omnes Healthcare Limited
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General Practitioner - HMP Thameside

Reading, RG1 8BW

Salary:
Negotiable

Type:
Permanent

Employer:
Practice Plus Group
Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Practitioner - HMP Thameside job (opens in a new window) [70]

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Further information

The Royal College of GPs [71] has further information about being a GP, particularly as your career progresses. Take a look.

Other roles that may interest you

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