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Purchasing and contract management

Making sure that the NHS has the necessary goods and services is vital to the delivery of healthcare. As a purchasing and contract manager, your role will be making sure this is done smoothly allowing our healthcare professionals to focus on our patients.

You'll be working with external suppliers and internal NHS departments to get the best products and services available within the resources available.



Working life

In purchasing and contract management, there are a number of areas you could work in. For example:

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- internal logistics (the movement of stores, receipting and distribution)
- information management
- materials management.

You'll need an understanding of the complete supply chain from understanding an identified need for a service or product, through knowing the provider market, the tendering, selecting and awarding process to asset management.

Roles in purchasing and contract management

Job titles and roles will vary but here are some examples of job roles in purchasing and contract management.

You'll work with staff across your organisation including managers of finance, estates and facilities, clinical areas, as well as external suppliers

- deputy head of procurement
- contract management
- associate director of procurement and supplies

Deputy head of procurement

In this role, you'd be required to:

- manage a large and varied contract portfolio
- visit a number of sites within the local area
- undertake and manage procurements from identifying a requirement to the awarding of the contract using procurement and sourcing principles
- analyse and report on a range of subjects including, products, suppliers and tender evaluation
- organise product trials, analyse product use and supply, investigate savings opportunities and implement and report accordingly.

Contracts manager

In this example, you'd be based within the supplies department of an acute (hospitals) trust. You'd be:

- maximising cost savings and efficiencies in the contracting and procurement process
- developing and managing a range of suppliers
- and improving on service delivery through the use of "best practice".

Associate director of procurement and supplies

Working in an NHS trust of over 5,000 staff your key responsibility would be to re-develop and re-engineer the supply chain business for the trust. You'd be heavily involved in the strategic direction of the trust.

Want to learn more?

- Find out more about the entry requirements, skills and interests required to enter a career in purchasing and contract management [1]
- Find out more about the training you'll receive for a career in purchasing and contract management [2]

• Pay and conditions

Most jobs in the NHS are covered by the <u>Agenda for Change (AfC)</u> ^[3] pay scales. This pay system covers all staff except doctors, dentists and the most senior managers. In purchasing and contract management, your career in the NHS would typically start at Agenda for Change ^[4] Band 5, with opportunities to progress to positions at Bands 6 and

7, and the most senior roles rising to Band 8c for example.

Staff in the NHS will usually work a standard 37.5 hours per week. They may work a shift pattern.

Terms and conditions of service can vary for employers outside the NHS.

Where the role can lead

With further training and/or experience, you may be able to develop your career further and apply for more senior managerial roles – potentially at director level, with a broader remit.

Progression for those with ability is typically via general management with a large healthcare provider

Relocation for promotion is common.

More diverse routes are now opening up, for example, jointly-funded posts between health and social services.

Job market and vacancies

When you're looking for managerial jobs or apprenticeship vacancies, there are a number of sources you can use but most vacancies in NHS organisations can be found on the <u>NHS Jobs website</u> [5].

Just some of the current vacancies are below.

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• Strategic Procurement and Contracts Manager

Location to be confirmed at interview, CF11 9AD

Salary: £54550.00 to £61412.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Digital Health and Care Wales Apply now on NHS Jobs for Strategic Procurement and Contracts Manager job (opens in a new window) [6]

• Procurement Manager

Salford, M5 3EH

Salary:

£30000.00 to £40000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

NHS Shared Business Services Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Manager job (opens in a new window) [7]

• Procurement Manager

Salisbury, SP28BJ Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Manager job (opens in a new window) [8]

• Senior Contracts Manager

Warwick, CV34 5BW Salary: £62215.00 to £72293.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Contracts Manager job (opens in a new window) [9]

• Estates Contracts Manager

Brighton, BN2 3EW

Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Estates Contracts Manager job (opens in a new window) [10]

• Associate Procurement Manager

Reading, RG1 5UZ

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Associate Procurement Manager job (opens in a new window) [11]

Corporate Procurement Manager

Sheffield, S5 7AU

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Corporate Procurement Manager job (opens in a new window) [12]

• Senior Procurement Manager - Capital

Salisbury, SP28BJ Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Senior Procurement Manager - Capital job (opens in a new window) [13]

• Deputy Pharmacy Procurement Manager

Gillingham, ME7 5NY

Salary:

£29970.00 to £36483.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Medway NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy Pharmacy Procurement Manager job (opens in</u> <u>a new window)</u> [14]

Pharmacy Manufacturing Business & Contracts Manager (XN10)

Leeds, LS10 2JQ

Salary: £74290.00 to £85601.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Leeds Teaching Hospitals Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Manufacturing Business & Contracts Manager (XN10) job (opens in a new window) [15]

Band 7 Senior Contracts Manager - Trust HQ

Birmingham, B13 8QY

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Band 7 Senior Contracts Manager - Trust HQ job (opens in a new window) [16]

Procurement & Materials Management Officer

Wakefield, WF1 4DG Salary: £24071.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement & Materials Management Officer job (opens in a new window) [17]

Pharmacy Procurement and Systems Manager

Uxbridge, UB8 3NN

Salary: £51883.00 to £58544.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Procurement and Systems Manager job (opens in a new window) [18]

• Deputy General Manager - 12 Months Fixed Term Contract

Bradford, BD9 6RJ

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy General Manager - 12 Months Fixed Term Contract job (opens in a new window) [19]

Procurement and Distribution Services Manager-£76k-£83k-JERSEY

Jersey, JE23DN

Salary:

£76236.77 to £83790.38

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Health and Community Services <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement and Distribution Services Manager-£76k-</u> <u>£83k-JERSEY job (opens in a new window)</u> [20]

• Procurement Officer and Senior Procurement Officer

Leicester, LE1 1FZ Salary: £31067.00 to £44711.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Leicester City Council <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Officer and Senior Procurement Officer</u> job (opens in a new window) [21]

Organisational Development Manager (Leadership, Management & Teams)

Across Wales, LL17 0LJ

Salary:

£46840.00 to £53602.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Welsh Ambulance NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Organisational Development Manager (Leadership, Management & Teams) job (opens in a new window) [22]

• Contracting Accountant

Darlington, DL3 6HX

Salary:

£53755.00 to £60504.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Contracting Accountant job (opens in a new window)

• Procurement Administrator

Blackpool, FY3 8NR

Salary: £25054.00 to £28766.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Administrator job (opens in a new window) [24]

• Procurement Officer

Tetbury, GL8 8XB

Salary: £29970.00 to £36483.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Tetbury Hospital Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Officer job (opens in a new window) [25]

Quality Manager/Deputy Laboratory Manager - Microbiology Speciality

Stanley, AA1 1AA Salary: £42000.00 to £52000.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Falkland Islands Government Apply now on NHS Jobs for Quality Manager/Deputy Laboratory Manager -Microbiology Speciality job (opens in a new window) [26]

General Manager

Sittingbourne, ME10 1QA Salary: £65000.00 to £68000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Manager job (opens in a new window) [27]

• Practice Manager

Cheltenham, GL52 6HS

Salary: £40000.00 to £50000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Sixways Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [28]

• Home Manager

Wigston, LE18 2BP

Salary: £62000.00 to £62000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: HC-One Apply now on NHS Jobs for Home Manager job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Pharmacy Manager

Oxford, OX3 7RP

Salary: £57000.00 to £60000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nuffield Health Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Manager job (opens in a new window) [30]

Finance Manager

York, YO24 1GL

Salary:

£30144.00 to £39632.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

St Leonard's Hospice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Manager job (opens in a new window) [31]

• Service Manager

West Midlands, ST11 9JG

Salary: £40000.00 to £40000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cygnet Health Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager job (opens in a new window) [32]

• Team Manager

Ramsgate, CT9 4BF

Salary: £30826.00 to £30826.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mental Health Matters Apply now on NHS Jobs for Team Manager job (opens in a new window) [33]

• Ward Manager

Liverpool, L14 5NX Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [34]

Business Manager

York, YO41 1PS Salary: £37663.00 to £42648.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Practice Plus Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Business Manager job (opens in a new window) [35]

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• Practice Manager

Birmingham, B30 1BY Birmingham, B48 7LA Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent

Employer:

• Practice Manager

London, E10 6JB Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: The Lyndhurst Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [37]

• Case Manager

Hull, HU8 9RW Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: City Health Care Partnership CIC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Case Manager job (opens in a new window) [38]

• Compliance Manager

Manchester, M22 4BJ Salary: £25000.00 to £30000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Diagnostic Healthcare Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Compliance Manager job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Practice Manager

Reading, RG6 1JS Reading, RG5 4JA Salary: £45000.00 to £60000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Parkside Family Practice

• Operations manager

Widnes, WA8 8QS Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: The Beeches Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Operations manager job (opens in a new window) [41]

• Practice Manager

Clacton on Sea, CO15 3AU

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Primary Care Careers Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [42]

• Practice Manager

Manchester, M18 8HE Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Central Manchester Networks Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [43]

• Cleaning Manager

Bath, BA1 3NG Salary: £29970.00 to £36483.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Cleaning Manager job (opens in a new window) [44]

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• Home Manager

New Malden, KT3 5EA

Salary: £84000.00 to £103826.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Aria Care Apply now on NHS Jobs for Home Manager job (opens in a new window) [45]

• Pharmacy Manager

Redruth, TR15 2AF Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Superdrug Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Manager job (opens in a new window) [46]

• Ward Manager

Berwick upon Tweed, TD15 2DU

Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [47]

• Ward Manager

Mountain Ash, CF45 4BZ Salary: £46840.00 to £53602.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [48]

Hospitality Manager

Chertsey, KT16 9FS

Salary:

£40000.00

Туре:

Permanent Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Manager job (opens in a new window) [49]

• Ward Manager

London, EC1A 7BE

Salary: £54320.00 to £60981.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Barts Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [50]

• Service Manager

Huddersfield, HD1 3LT Salary: £29000.00 to £32000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Invictus Wellbeing Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager job (opens in a new window) [51]

Workshop Manager

Scunthorpe, DN15 7BH

Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Workshop Manager job (opens in a new window) [52]

Hospital Manager

Worcester, WR1 2DD Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: CHEC Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospital Manager job (opens in a new window) [53]

Hospitality Manager

Beckenham, BR3 3FH

Salary:

£35000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Manager job (opens in a new window) [54]

• Service Manager

Doncaster, DN4 8QN Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager job (opens in a new window) [55]

• Clinic Manager

Middlesbrough, TS3 6LB Salary: £50000.00 to £54000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Diaverum Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinic Manager job (opens in a new window) [56]

• Practice Manager

London, W2 2HL London, W2 5ES

Salary: £55000.00 to £65000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Connaught Square Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [57]

• Operations Manager

Manchester, M28 0FE Salary: £28.87 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: NHS Professionals Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for Operations Manager job (opens in a new window) [58]

• Deputy Manager

Littleover, DE23 4BU
Salary:
£16.00
Туре:
Permanent
Employer:
Avery Healthcare Group Ltd.
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy Manager job (opens in a new window) [59]

• Project Manager

Nottingham, NG2 3AJ Nottingham, NG7 2UH Sutton-in-ashfield, NG17 4JL

Salary: £45000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: NEMS Community Benefit Services Ltd Apply now on NHS Jobs for Project Manager job (opens in a new window) [60]

• Practice Manager

Leeds, LS12 5SG Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Whitehall Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [61]

• Practice Manager

Northampton, NN3 8DW

Salary:

£35000.00 to £50000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Weston Favell Primary Care Centre - Favell Plus GP Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [62]

Pharmacy Manager

Eastleigh, SO53 2DW Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Nuffield Health Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Manager job (opens in a new window) [63]

Further information

For further information about a career in purchasing and contract management, please contact

- The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply [64] (CIPS)
- CIPS Be a buyer website [65]

Other roles that may interest you

- Estates manager [66]
- Project manager [67]
- Strategic management [68]
- Knowledge and library services [69]

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