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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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• Procurement Manager

Prestwich Manchester, M25 3BL

Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Greater Manchester Mental Health NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Manager job (opens in a new window) [6]

• Contracts Manager

Caerleon, NP18 3XQ

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Contracts Manager job (opens in a new window) [7]

• Water Contract Manager

London, SE14YB

Salary:

£61927.00 to £68676.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Water Contract Manager job (opens in a new window)

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• NHS Contracts Manager

Manchester, M26 1gg Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: (my)dentist Apply now on NHS Jobs for NHS Contracts Manager job (opens in a new window)

• Band 7 Senior Contract Manager - Contracts Team

Birmingham, B13 8QY

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust <u>Apply now on NHS Jobs for Band 7 Senior Contract Manager - Contracts Team job</u> <u>(opens in a new window)</u> [10]

Band 7 Senior LDA Contract Manager - Contracts Team

Birmingham, B13 8QY

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Band 7 Senior LDA Contract Manager - Contracts Team job (opens in a new window) [11]

Operational Manager – Pharmacy Procurement

London, NW1 2PG

Salary: £61927.00 to £68676.00 Type: Permanent Employer: University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Operational Manager – Pharmacy Procurement job (opens in a new window) [12]

• Pharmacy Procurement and Distribution Manager

Aylesbury, HP218AL Salary: £37338.00 to £44962.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Procurement and Distribution Manager job (opens in a new window) [13]

Contract and Assurance Manager

Exeter, EX2 7JQ

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

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Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Apply now on NHS Jobs for Contract and Assurance Manager job (opens in a new
window) [14]
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• Contract and Project Manager

London, NW9 5EQ

Salary: £44852.00 to £50472.00 Type: Permanent Employer: UK Health Security Agency Apply now on NHS Jobs for Contract and Project Manager job (opens in a new window) [15]

• Band 7 Senior Contracts Manager - Trust HQ

Birmingham, B13 8QY

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

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]

Deputy Technical Services Manager - Procurement and Distribution

Liverpool, L8 7SS

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy Technical Services Manager - Procurement and Distribution job (opens in a new window) [17]

• Buyer - Procurement

BRADFORD, BD9 6RJ Salary: £24625.00 to £25674.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Buyer - Procurement job (opens in a new window) [18]

• Procurement Assistant

Cardiff, CF14 4XW

Salary:

£24433.00 to £26060.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Procurement Assistant job (opens in a new window)
^[19]

Pharmacy Procurement Administrator

Isleworth, TW7 6AF Salary: £31081.00 to £33665.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Pharmacy Procurement Administrator job (opens in a new window) [20]

• Programme Manager - Digital Programme Management Office

Nottingham Road, NG5 1PB Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trusts Apply now on NHS Jobs for Programme Manager - Digital Programme Management Office job (opens in a new window) [21]

• Fire Safey Manager (Senior Operating Manager)

Shrewsbury, SY3 8XQ

Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Fire Safey Manager (Senior Operating Manager) job (opens in a new window) [22]

Ward Manager

Rotherham, S26 4TH Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Estates Manager

York, YO24 1GL

Salary:

£46416.00 to £53114.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

St Leonard's Hospice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Estates Manager job (opens in a new window) [24]

• Theatre Manager

Dudley, DY1 2HQ Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Manager job (opens in a new window) [25]

• Ward Manager

Rotherham, S26 4TH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHSFT Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [23]

• Project Manager

Cwmbran, NP44 3HR

Salary:

£37898.00 to £45637.00

Type:

Fixed-Term

Employer:

Áneurin Bevan University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Project Manager job (opens in a new window) [26]

• Home Manager

Mollington, CH1 6NP

Salary:

£40000.00 to £80000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Barchester Healthcare Apply now on NHS Jobs for Home Manager job (opens in a new window) [27]

• Theatre Manager

Dudley, DY1 2HQ Salary: £53755.00 to £60504.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Theatre Manager job (opens in a new window) [25]

• Test Manager

Filton, Bristol, BS34 7QH Colindale, NW9 5BG Tooting, SW17 0RB Edgbaston, B15 2SG Manchester, M13 9LL Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3FG

Salary: £55690.00 to £62682.00 Type: Fixed-Term Employer: NHS Blood and Transplant Apply now on NHS Jobs for Test Manager job (opens in a new window) [28]

Ward Manager

Preston, PR3 2JH

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [29]

• Team Manager

York/Northallerton/Scarborough/Harrogate, YO30 4XT

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Team Manager job (opens in a new window) [30]

• Clinical Manager

Bristol, BS1 2AG

Salary: £45500.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Brook Apply now on NHS Jobs for Clinical Manager job (opens in a new window) [31]

• Finance Manager

Southampton, SO40 2RZ Southampton, SO19 8BR Newport, PO30 5TG

Salary:

£47810.00 to £54710.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Manager job (opens in a new window) [32]

• Home Manager

Arbroath, DD11 1RA

Salary:

£57000.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

HC-One

Apply now on NHS Jobs for Home Manager job (opens in a new window) [33]

• PCN Manager

Ongar, CM5 0AL

Salary:

£50000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Ongar Health Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for PCN Manager job (opens in a new window) [34]

Ward Manager

Preston, PR3 2JH

Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [29]

• PCN Manager

Leeds, LS12 5SG Leeds, LS12 5SG Leeds, LS13 4JH Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: BWM PCN Limited Apply now on NHS Jobs for PCN Manager job (opens in a new window) [35]

• 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) [36]

• Deputy Manager

Littleover, DE23 4BU

Salary:

£16.00

Type:

Permanent Employer:

Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Deputy Manager job (opens in a new window) [37]

• General Manager

Epsom, KT185XA

Salary: £75000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for General Manager job (opens in a new window) [38]

• Hospitality Manager

Bagshot, GU19 5HN Salary: £18.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Avery Healthcare Group Ltd. Apply now on NHS Jobs for Hospitality Manager job (opens in a new window) [39]

• Finance Manager

London, E14 5HJ Salary: £61927.00 to £68676.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Barts Health NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Manager job (opens in a new window) [40]

Radiology Manager

Newport, NP20 2UB Salary: £54550.00 to £61412.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Radiology Manager job (opens in a new window) [41]

• Operations Manager

West Bromwich, B70 7AW Salary: Negotiable Type: Fixed-Term Employer: Dr R K Arora

• Change Manager

Warwick, CV34 5BW Salary: £46629.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Innovate Healthcare Services Apply now on NHS Jobs for Change Manager job (opens in a new window) [43]

• Ward Manager

BRADFORD, BD9 6DP Salary: £46148.00 to £52809.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [44]

• Practice Manager

Birmingham, B28 8BG

Salary: £55000.00 to £60000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Hall Green Health Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [45]

• Business Manager

London, N17 6AA Salary: £45000.00 to £55000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Morris House Group Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Business Manager job (opens in a new window) [46]

• Finance Manager

London, SE1 8SD Salary: £61927.00 to £68676.00 Type: Permanent Employer: London Ambulance Service NHS Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Finance Manager job (opens in a new window) [47]

Business Manager

Hitchin, SG5 1ND Hitchin, SG5 1ND

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Bancroft Medical Centre Apply now on NHS Jobs for Business Manager job (opens in a new window) [48]

• Practice Manager

Clitheroe, BB7 9SL Clitheroe, BB7 9SL Clitheroe, BB7 9DZ

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Sabden & Whalley Medical Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [49]

• Practice Manager

London, SW5 9AD Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Earl's Court Medical Centre

• 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) [51]

Registered Manager

Preston, PR3 3YB Salary: £54995.00 to £54995.00 Type: Permanent Employer: The Cambian Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Registered Manager job (opens in a new window) [52]

Registered Manager

Hothfield, TN26 1AZ Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Active Care Group Apply now on NHS Jobs for Registered Manager job (opens in a new window) [53]

• Practice Manager

Birmingham, B26 3TP Birmingham, B33 0LU Salary: £43000.00 to £48000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Church Road Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [54]

• Ward Manager

Brighton, BN2 5BE

Salary:

£46148.00 to £52809.00

Type:

Fixed-Term Employer:

University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279) Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [55]

Inquest Manager

Blackpool, FY3 8NR

Salary:

£37338.00 to £44962.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Apply now on NHS Jobs for Inquest Manager job (opens in a new window) [56]

• Practice Manager

Brigg, DN20 9ED

Salary:

Negotiable

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Hibaldstow Medical Practice Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [57]

• Service Manager

Harrow, HA1 4ES Salary: £38205.00 to £46707.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Compass Apply now on NHS Jobs for Service Manager job (opens in a new window) [58]

Ward Manager

Cwmbran, NP44 8YN Salary: £46840.00 to £53602.00 Type: Permanent Employer: Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [59]

Ward Manager

Abergavenny, NP7 7EG

Salary:

£46840.00 to £53602.00

Type:

Permanent

Employer:

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Apply now on NHS Jobs for Ward Manager job (opens in a new window) [60]

• Practice Manager

Newport, NP199PS

Salary: Negotiable Type: Permanent Employer: Park Surgery Apply now on NHS Jobs for Practice Manager job (opens in a new window) [61]

• Home Manager

Pencoed, CF35 5LP Salary: £58000.00 Type: Permanent Employer: HC-One Apply now on NHS Jobs for Home Manager job (opens in a new window) [62]

Further information

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

- The Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply [63] (CIPS)
- CIPS Be a buyer website [64]

Other roles that may interest you

- Estates manager [65]
- Project manager [66]
- Strategic management [67]
- <u>Knowledge and library services</u> [68]

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