



## Healthcare support workers

As a healthcare support worker, you'll be at the very heart of everything we do. There are more than 30 roles and in each you'll work with a multidisciplinary team supporting doctors, nurses and specialists, as you help patients on their journey back to health.

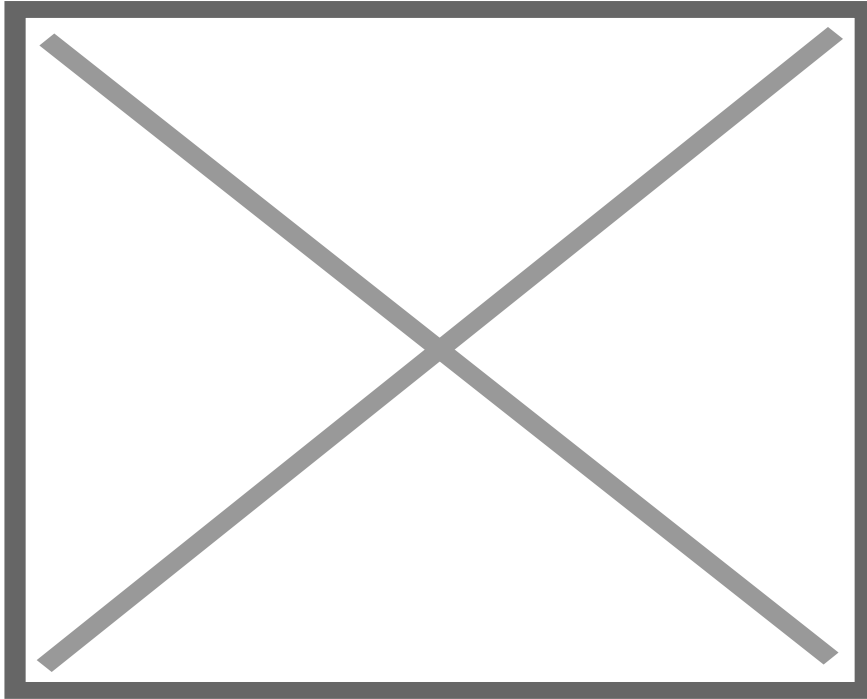
### Featured roles

There are over 30 roles available, including the below.

- **Healthcare support worker**

As a healthcare support worker, you could work in one of seven different areas with us, including mental health, midwifery, and learning disability.

[Becoming a healthcare support worker](#) <sup>[1]</sup>



## Discover more roles

There are plenty more healthcare support worker roles you can choose from, in all kinds of areas, from podiatry to radiography.

- **Dietetic assistant**

Working alongside dietitians, you'll help to treat and support patients with dietary and nutritional issues.

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- **Healthcare assistant**

You'll make sure that patients are as comfortable and stress-free as possible. It can also be the stepping stone into many other NHS roles.

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- **Maternity support worker**

You'll work under the supervision of a registered midwife, helping to care for mothers and babies.

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- **Occupational therapy support worker**

You'll assist occupational therapists, supporting patients with their day-to-day activities to live full and independent lives.

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- **Orthotic technician**

Your day-to-day will involve helping to treat people with conditions such as arthritis and spina bifida, supporting them and aiding their movement.

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- **Podiatry assistant**

You'll help to treat and care for people whose feet and legs have been affected by injury or illness, allowing them to live life to the full.

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- **Physiotherapy assistants/support workers**

Working with physiotherapists, you'll help patients recover from a range of illnesses and conditions, using techniques such as exercise. .

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- **Prosthetic technician**

You'll support patients as they learn to use their new prosthetic limbs and assist prosthetists in their work.

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- **Radiography assistants and imaging support workers**

You'll work closely with diagnostic radiographers and therapeutic radiographers to work out what disease or condition is affecting patients and how to treat it.

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- **Speech and language therapy assistant**

You'll work with patients to help them with conditions that may affect their communication, swallowing and feeding.

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# Get your free step-by-step guide to becoming a healthcare support worker

Sign up to our email guide to find out more about a career as a healthcare support worker and where it can take you.

[Sign up](#) <sup>[12]</sup>

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