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- **Peer support worker** <sup>[1]</sup>

Peer support workers are people who use their lived experience of mental health problems to support others.

#### Training and qualifications required

A national training programme is being developed which will be delivered by people with lived experience, with support from the NHS, to help individuals develop the skills they need to be a peer support worker. On-the-job training will also be provided as appropriate.

#### Expected working hours and salary range

Peer support workers are employed on Agenda for change band 3 or 4.

#### Desirable skills and values

Open, honest and friendly; good communication skills or willingness to develop these; ability to use lived experience in a positive and appropriate way; awareness of own personal recovery journey; able to work as part of a team or want to work as part of a team.

## Related roles

- [Education mental health practitioner](#) <sup>[2]</sup>
- [Children's wellbeing practitioner](#) <sup>[3]</sup>
- [Employment specialist](#) <sup>[4]</sup>
- [Support, time and recovery worker](#) <sup>[5]</sup>

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