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- **Project manager** ^[1]

NHS project managers set up and lead projects that are vital to patient care being of the highest possible standard.

Training and qualifications required

In project management, gaining management qualifications while working will improve your career prospects and performance greatly. It is encouraged in most healthcare organisations. The Association for Project Management provides a range of qualifications, incorporating a mix of tools, techniques, processes and skills.

Expected working hours and salary range

Staff in the NHS will usually work a standard 37.5 hours per week. They may work a shift pattern. Most jobs in the NHS are covered by the Agenda for Change (AfC) pay scales. This pay system covers all staff except doctors, dentists, and the most senior managers (where very senior managers pay apply). Your career in project management in the NHS could start at Agenda for Change Band 6 or 7, with the most senior roles rising to Band 9. Terms and conditions of service can vary for employers outside the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

You'll typically need an ability to influence others to adopt proposals and implement solutions; ability to use your own initiative and work as part of a team; good negotiating skills; ability to lead change management and innovation; effective business acumen; the ability to stick to deadlines; good communication skills; leadership skills; organisational skills; a willingness to work with others and respect their views; confidence with numbers; confidence with information technology; the ability to challenge the way things are and find better alternatives; a commitment to the ideals of quality and fairness in delivering healthcare.

Prospects

With further training and/or experience, you can develop your expertise in project management further into more senior managerial roles, including those at director level.

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