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Project management and procurement [1]

In project management and procurement ? you'll be making sure that all kinds of projects run smoothly.

Training and qualifications required

The precise entry requirements and training provided will depend on the role you're considering. You will usually need a degree ? certainly at middle and senior posts. Roles in this area may require professional qualifications in project management. For some roles, you may need prior experience of working in the NHS.

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

Desirable skills and values

To work in project management and procurement, you'll typically need strong negotiation skills, experience of change management, project management skills, good communication skills, leadership skills, organisational skills, a willingness to work with others and respect their views, a good level of numeracy and computer literacy, the ability to challenge the way things are and find better alternatives, honesty and fairness in dealing with other people and a commitment to the ideals of quality and fairness in delivering healthcare.

Prospects

With further training and/or experience, you may be able to develop your career further and apply for more senior managerial roles. Progression for those with ability is typically via operational management in a large hospital or other healthcare organisation. Relocation for promotion is common. More diverse routes are now opening up, for example, jointly-funded posts between health and social services.

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