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- **Social prescribing link worker** ^[1]

Social prescribing link workers spend time working with people to connect them with local community activities and services that can improve their health and wellbeing.

Training and qualifications required

There are no set entry requirements, but some employers may ask for basic numeracy and literacy plus some IT skills and relevant work experience. Some may also require a qualification at level 3. Your life experience and personal qualities such as empathy and listening skills are generally more important than qualifications for getting into a social prescribing role.

Expected working hours and salary range

You'll earn between £20K and £27K a year.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need excellent listening and communication skills, empathy, emotional resilience, be willing to work as part of team, and good IT and record keeping skills.

Prospects

Once in a social prescribing role, you will receive accredited training and ongoing development to support you in your career.

Related roles

- Peer support worker ^[2]
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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/clinical-support-staff/social-prescribing-link-worker> [2] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/psychological-therapies/roles-psychological-therapies/peer-support-worker> [3] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/clinical-support-staff/employment-specialist> [4] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/clinical-support-staff/assistant-practitioner> [5] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/Explore-roles/wider-healthcare-team/roles-wider-healthcare-team/clinical-support-staff/creative-therapy-support-roles>