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• Community sexual and reproductive health ^[1]

Doctors working in community sexual and reproductive health care for people's sexual health by treating sexually transmitted diseases and consulting on contraception, menopause and unplanned pregnancies.

Training and qualifications required

Training usually starts with a five year first degree in medicine, two years foundation doctor training, six years specialist training (ST1-6) leading to Fellowship of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FFSRH). Length of training can vary according to your circumstances.

Expected working hours and salary range

Doctors may work up to 48 hours a week. The working hours may sometimes extend beyond the normal working day to include early mornings, evenings and weekends. You'll first earn a salary when you start your foundation training after medical school. The basic salary ranges from £29,384 to £34,012. Once you start your specialty training as a community sexual and reproductive health doctor employed by the NHS, you can expect to earn a salary of at least £40,257, which can increase to between £84,559 and £114,003 as a consultant.

Desirable skills and values

You'll need excellent communication skills to manage a wide range of relationships with colleagues, and patients and their families. You'll be emotionally resilient, have excellent problem-solving and diagnostic skills and work well in teams and under pressure. You'll also be very organised for the benefit of patients.

Prospects

In 2021, there were 124 consultants in community sexual and reproductive health in the NHS in England. You could specialise or conduct research in areas such as improving choice, access and uptake of contraception, teach medical students or postgraduate students in training or get involved in research at universities, the NHS or private sector.

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