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- **Medical device risk management and governance** [1]

Medical device risk management and governance is about ensuring that medical equipment is functioning correctly and is safe to use.

Training and qualifications required

A relevant degree (at a minimum of a 2:1 classification) or a 2:2 with appropriate postgraduate qualifications to apply for a place on the graduate-entry NHS Scientist Training Programme (STP) or .

Expected working hours and salary range

NHS staff 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. Trainee clinical scientists train at band 6 level, and qualified clinical scientists are generally appointed at band 7. With experience and further qualifications, you could apply for posts up to band 9. Terms and conditions of service can vary for employers outside the NHS.

Desirable skills and values

An interest in science and technology, good communication skills, comfortable using modern technology and complex equipment, pay meticulous attention to detail and able to work as part of a team.

Prospects

With further training or experience or both, you may be able to develop your career further and apply for vacancies in areas such as further specialisation, management, research, or teaching.

Related roles

- Clinical measurement [2]
- Clinical or medical technology in medical physics [3]

- [Knowledge and library services](#) [4]
- [Experienced paramedic](#) [5]

- ## [Director of public health](#) [6]

Directors of public health hold some of the most pivotal strategic and leadership positions.

Training and qualifications required

The main route to become a director of public health is through initial completion of specialty training. In some circumstances, it is possible to achieve specialist status through a 'portfolio' route where individuals present a portfolio of experience for assessment, to demonstrate that they have gained sufficient experience that is deemed to be equivalent to completing specialty training.

Expected working hours and salary range

While you may usually work standard hours, it's likely you will need to be available outside normal working patterns, for example in the case of a public health emergency, for media interviews etc. Salaries for directors of public health are likely to be between £70-100,000 or more depending on the requirements of the role (around equivalent band 9 of Agenda for change or comparable local authority pay scale).

Desirable skills and values

You'll have substantial experience of public health practice at a senior level in order to be able to make visionary, challenging and often difficult decisions about how services are delivered. You'll have high-level skills in diplomacy, appropriate for working in complex political and social environments.

Prospects

Further opportunities for directors of public health include more senior government roles or political consultancy and advisory roles.

Related roles

- [Public health consultants and specialists](#) [7]
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