

Exploring Careers in the NHS

What is the NHS?

The NHS stands for the National Health Service, which is the healthcare system in the United Kingdom.

Everyone who lives in the UK can access health care if they become poorly or injured to help them get better.

This is funded by the Government who raise money mainly through people who work paying tax each month.



Is the
NHS free?

No, as it is paid for by using a budget of money. Healthcare is expensive and so the costs are paid for by everyone mainly by taxes. It is free for people to use when they are poorly or injured. Some services do have an extra cost like dental treatments and medicines for people who earn over a certain amount of money.

When did the NHS begin?

It was started in 1948 by Aneurin Bevin, a Welsh Government worker, so that healthcare costs were shared by everyone, and not just ill people. This means treatment is available for everyone regardless of how much money they have.

What roles are there in the NHS?

The NHS is the biggest employer in the UK, with 1.7 million workers across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, making it the fifth-largest workforce in the world. There are over 350 different NHS roles! These include Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance Technicians, Paramedics, Play Specialists, Radiologists and many more.

Click on the link below to find out more information about an NHS career that you find interesting.

www.stepintothensh.nhs.uk/careers

Have a look at the links below for more information:

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/38906932
www.healthforkids.co.uk/

Did you know:

The NHS will celebrate its birthday on 5th July 2020 where it will turn 72 years old!

Before the NHS, people had to personally pay for their own health care. Imagine what this meant for people who couldn't afford the treatment they needed!

Jobs within the NHS include managers, cleaners, chefs, drivers, pharmacists and many more!



Either draw lines to match the job descriptions to the correct images, or write the letter of the correct image into the box next to the job descriptions.

Job Description	Matching Image	Image
1. Accountants carefully manage hospital budgets, NHS workers salary and costs for new buildings and training staff.		a. 
2. Surgeons operate on people to make them healthy and well again.		b. 
3. Nurses care for unwell patients, doing their observations, checking temperatures, and giving medication when needed.		c. 
4. Ambulance Services help in emergencies and give guidance over the phone or in person when a medical emergency arises.		d. 
5. Paramedics are based at local ambulance stations and often work in emergency situations using a variety of high-tech equipment to save lives.		e. 
6. Midwives look after pregnant women and newborn babies.		f. 
7. Cooks make food for patients and cater to different dietary needs.		g. 
8. Managers lead and run the NHS services in lots of different areas.		h. 
9. Doctors see patients in hospitals or their own surgery practices.		i. 
10. Pharmacists dispense medicines safely, ensuring they are suitable and can give advice to patients.		j. 
11. Cleaners keep hospitals safe and clean.		k. 
12. Porters transport patients, equipment and supplies in different areas of a hospital.		l. 
13. Psychologists look at how people think and behave to help tackle and understand mental health problems.		m. 