



Society, Health & Development

Job Information Sheet

What is society, health & development?

Workers in healthcare are concerned with the health and well-being of people. As well as caring for those who are ill, there are opportunities to investigate new and better treatments and to educate people about healthier lifestyles. Besides the hospital wards, people in health care also work in clinics, GPs' and dentists' surgeries and health centres, hospices and nursing homes, as well as people's own homes, workplaces, or sometimes shops or research companies.

Workers in the social care help people by giving them the advice and support necessary to change their own lives and move forward in a positive way. It could mean giving advice and information or practical help such as personal care for people with disabilities, or support to help people deal with problems.

If you are interested in people, good at communicating, and keen to do something to help others, health and social care can be a very demanding, but equally rewarding, career.

The early years are the time between 0 to 8 years. Early years childcare and education is concerned with children's physical, emotional, social and educational development. Childcare workers help to provide support, security and a stable environment for children in a variety of settings.

In order to work with children, you need to like children and enjoy being with them, understand child development and have endless patience. You also need to be observant, imaginative and creative.

Are there jobs for 16-19 year olds?

To be a doctor, dentist, nurse, social worker, physiotherapist or pharmacist you need to study at university. However, there are many jobs in health and social care that do not require a degree or diploma. There are many opportunities for young people to work in the early years sector - provided that they have the correct qualifications. It is now necessary for all people involved in childcare to be qualified to a minimum of NVQ 2 or the equivalent.

Below is a selection of jobs that could be available to 16-19 year olds living in Central London. Further details of these and many other jobs go to nextstep.direct.gov.uk and click on *Browse our job profiles*.

Some of these will not ask for any qualifications and others will need good GCSEs, A levels or relevant vocational college courses. For almost all jobs in health and social care it is a big advantage to have some work experience. This could be gained as part of a course at school or college or through doing voluntary work.

This information sheet covers jobs for 16-19 year olds in Central London. It does not cover graduate jobs or jobs that are rare in Central London. For details of the whole range of jobs in business and finance go to nextstep.direct.gov.uk and click on *Browse our job profiles*.

Jobs for 16-19 year olds in society, health & development

- **Nannies** care for children in the home of the child. Recommended qualifications: CACHE Diploma in Child Care and Education or NVQ in Early Years Care and Education.
- **Nursery assistants** are involved with caring for babies, toddlers, pre-school children and out-of-school care. Recommended qualifications: NVQ Level 2 in Early Years Care and Education or CACHE Certificate in Child Care and Education.
- **Nursery nurses** may work in childcare centres unsupervised. Required qualifications: CACHE Diploma in Childcare and Education or NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Care and Education.
- **Play assistants** help the play leader. Recommended qualifications: CACHE Certificate in Pre-school Practice or NVQ Level 2 in Early Years Care and Education.
- **Play leaders** manage playgroups, often working with parents. Required qualifications: CACHE Diploma in Pre-school Practice or NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Care and Education.
- **Classroom assistants** help the teacher in the classroom. Recommended qualifications: CACHE Certificate for Teaching Assistants 2/3 or NVQ Teaching Assistants 2/3.
- **Nursery nurses** support the teacher within the classroom or nursery. Required qualifications: CACHE Diploma in Child Care and Education or NVQ Level 3 in Early Years Care and Education.
- **Playworkers** look after children aged 4-16 in breakfast clubs, after-school clubs or holiday play schemes. Recommended qualifications: NVQ Level 2 in Playwork or CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Playwork.
- **Dental nurses** work closely with dentists preparing the surgery, passing instruments, removing water and saliva from the patient's mouth, sterilising instruments, preparing fillings, and tidying the surgery after the patient has left. Qualifications are not needed, but GCSEs in English and biology can be an advantage.
- **Medical laboratory assistants** work in hospital pathology laboratories to help diagnose and treat patients. The work is practical and involves analysing samples of body tissue and fluids taken from patients. There are no formal entry requirements but most hospitals want applicants to have at least four GCSEs grades A-C or equivalent qualifications and some ask for A levels
- **Healthcare assistants** support other healthcare professionals with the day-to-day tasks of patient care. They help patients with tasks they cannot manage for themselves. There are no minimum entry requirements, though some employers may require qualifications such as NVQs or GNVQs in Care.
- **Dispensing opticians** make up prescriptions and fit and supply spectacles, contact lenses and other optical appliances, but do not examine eyes. Selling is an important part of the work. You normally need at least 5 GCSEs (A-C) including English, maths and science and often A levels.
- **Optical manufacturing technicians** make spectacle and contact. There are no set entry requirements and training is normally through an apprenticeship.
- **Pharmacy technicians** working in hospitals prepare and supply drugs and other medicinal products. Retail community pharmacy technicians supply medicine to the general public. There are no set entry requirements, but employers generally expect four GCSEs (A-C) with English, maths and science, or equivalent qualifications, and many ask for A levels.
- **Care assistants** provide practical help, for to people who have difficulties living their day-to-day lives. They may work in people's own homes, or in somewhere like a nursing home. There are no set qualifications but some work or voluntary experience is useful. Care assistants normally need to be at least 18.

Society, Health & Development Apprenticeship Vacancies (on 5th January 2011)



For more details and to apply go to apprenticeships.org.uk and select Search for vacancies under Apprenticeship Vacancies. Search by vacancy reference number using the Ref No from the first column in the table. When this information sheet was published the following vacancies were available:

| Ref No | Framework | Business | Borough | Weekly Wage | Qualifications Required | Closing Date |
|--------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 114802 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £104 | None | 10 Jan 2012 |
| 123767 | Child Care ^{AA} | Nursery | Wandsworth | £78 30 hours | Level 2 Child Care qualification | 10 Jan 2012 |
| 125944 | Child Care | Nursery | Camden | £104 | None | 11 Jan 2012 |
| 120422 | Child Care ^{AA} | Nursery | Southwark | £105 | Level 2 Child Care qualification | 16 Jan 2012 |
| 84605 | Child Care | Nursery | Kensington & Chelsea | £91 35 hours | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 16 Jan 2012 |
| 129762 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £78 30 hours | None | 17 Jan 2012 |
| 129774 | Child Care | Nursery | Southwark | £104 | None | 20 Jan 2012 |
| 129797 | Child Care | Nursery | Southwark | £78 | None | 23 Jan 2012 |
| 118329 | Health & Social Care | Residential Care | Camden | £98.50 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 24 Jan 2012 |
| 119232 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £97.50 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 27 Jan 2012 |
| 129253 | Housing | Housing | Barnet | £278 | 5 GCSE grades C+ | 27 Jan 2012 |
| 125376 | Child Care | Nursery | Wandsworth | £97.50 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 27 Jan 2012 |
| 128044 | Child Care | Nursery | Hackney | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 128049 | Child Care | Nursery | Hackney | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 125252 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 125376 | Child Care | Nursery | Wandsworth | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 126572 | Child Care | Nursery | Southwark | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 125252 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 125252 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £98.80 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |
| 111385 | Pharmacy Services | Chemists | Camden | £95 | None | 6 Feb 2012 |
| 51468 | Child Care | Nurseries | Throughout London | £193 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 29 Feb 2012 |

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| 128068 | Child Care | Nurseries | Throughout London | £104 | GCSE grades C+ in maths & English | 29 Feb 2012 |
| 116835 | Health & Social Care | Learning Disability Care | Throughout London | £95 | None | 26 Oct 2012 |
| 121040 | Child Care | Nursery | Lambeth | £104 | None | 3 Dec 2012 |

Any vacancies marked ^{AA} are Advanced Apprenticeships leading to Level 3 qualifications, all others are Intermediate Apprenticeships leading to Level 2 qualifications.

To apply for any of these vacancies you will need to register (if you have not already) at apprenticeshipvacancymatchingservice.lsc.gov.uk/navms/forms/candidate/PreRegisterCandidate.aspx (you will need a valid email address in order to register). You can get further help on using the site and making applications at apprenticeships.org.uk/sitecore/content/avtm/Candidate.aspx

Kensington & Chelsea Apprenticeships



The following Apprenticeships are from The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea, but are open to applicants from any borough:

| Apprenticeship | Weekly Wage | Qualifications Required | Closing Date |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Play Worker | £135 | Good maths & English | 31 Jan 2012 |

For further details and an application form email EBPApprenticeship@rbkc.gov.uk

Other Vacancy Sites

Employers don't only employ young people. Many will look for people with experience or qualifications. Because employers recruit people of all ages many vacancies will not be on the LOIS site (which is just for young people) but on the sites listed below.

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| NHS Jobs (www.jobs.nhs.uk) | Have around 4,000 new vacancies from National Health Service employers across England. |
| NHS London (www.london.nhs.uk) | Links to recruitment sites for NHS trusts in London. |

Voluntary Work

Voluntary work can be a good way of getting some experience in health and social care. You can contact voluntary departments in your local NHS trusts (see the Other Vacancy Sites above for details – phone the trust and ask for voluntary services) but some will only take over 18 year olds to work with patients. Don't forget that any work in a hospital can give you a useful insight and that organisations such as vinspired (www.vinspired.com) might have interesting projects in your area.