Considering a Career in the NHS?

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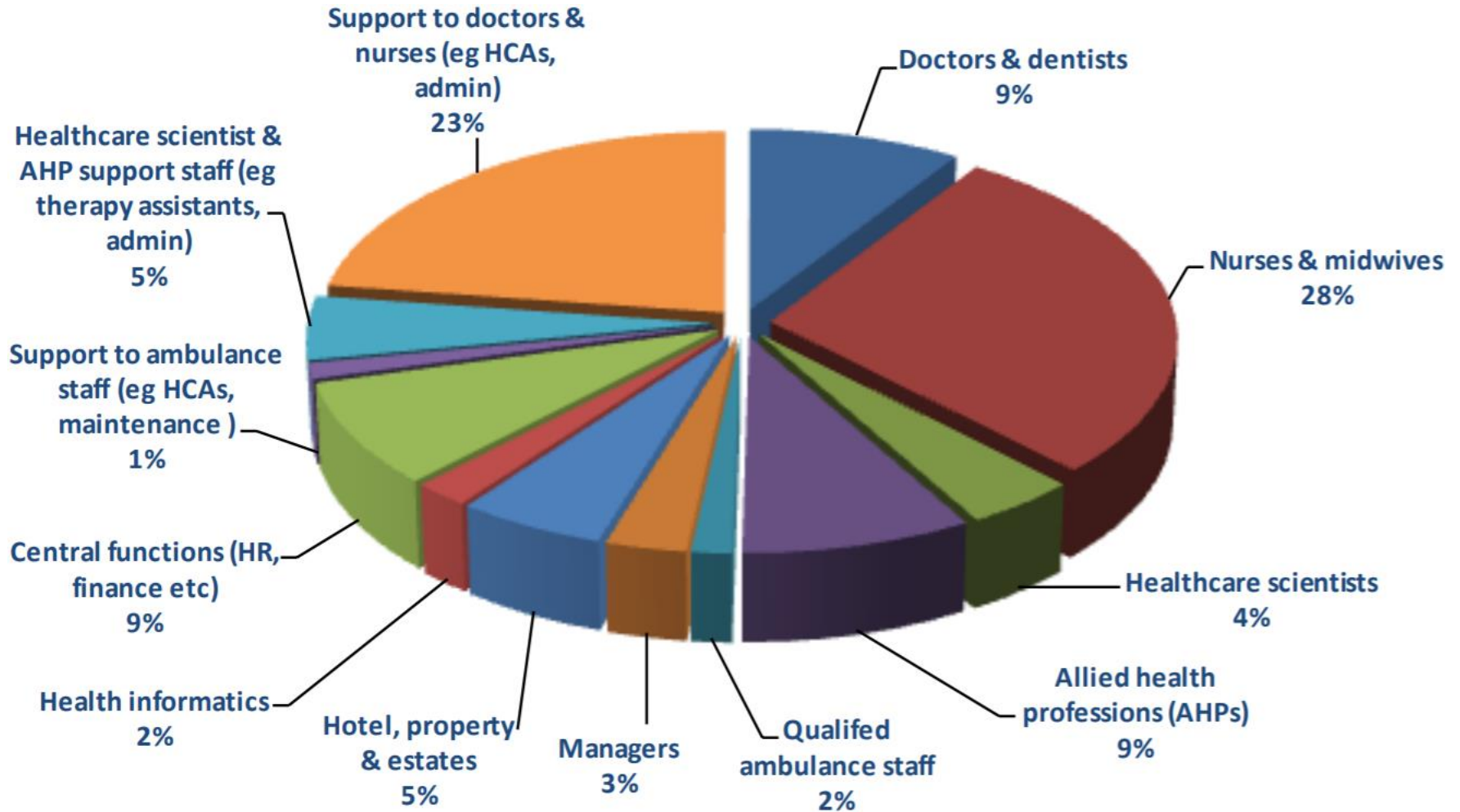
The NHS

- Employs around 1,400,00 people in hospitals, community and primary care settings

- Largest employer in England, 5th largest in the world.

- 223 NHS Trusts in UK (around 1,250 hospitals).

- Doctors, nurses and midwives make up one third of the workforce.

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The other 2/3`s

- **Allied Health Professionals** eg radiographer, physiotherapist, music therapist, podiatrist.

- **Healthcare Scientists** eg health informatics, medical engineering, medical physics, haematology.

- **Public Health roles** eg occupational health, heath trainer, public health management.

- **Wider workforce** eg administrators, clinical support staff, corporate services, estates services.

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- Support to doctors & nurses (eg HCAs, admin) 23%
- Healthcare scientist & AHP support staff (eg therapy assistants, admin) 5%
- Support to ambulance staff (eg HCAs, maintenance) 1%
- Central functions (HR, finance etc) 9%
- Health informatics 2%
- Hotel, property & estates 5%
- Managers 3%
- Qualifed ambulance staff 2%
- Allied health professions (AHPs) 9%
- Healthcare scientists 4%
- Nurses & midwives 28%
- Doctors & dentists 9%

Benefits of a job in the NHS?

- Every day is different

- You become a part of the NHS family

- Making a difference

- Rewarding Career

- Opportunities for development and promotion

- Competitive pay and holiday allowances

- Flexible working

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Is a career in the NHS for me?

Yes if:-

- ✓ You want to work with people
- ✓ You would like to help others to improve their lives
- ✓ You like science and are interested in the uses of materials
- ✓ You like using maths to solve technical or scientific problems
- ✓ You enjoy researching, finding and analysing information
- ✓ You are good at organising and planning
- ✓ You enjoy practical work
- ✓ You like to work in a team

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What roles are available?

Roles within the NHS fall into the following areas.
There are over 350 to choose from.

- Allied Health Professions
- Ambulance Service Team
- Dental Team
- Doctors
- Health Informatics
- Healthcare Science
- Management

- Medical Associate Professionals
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Psychological Professions
- Public Health
- Wider Healthcare Teams

How do I decide?

Explore roles - Health Careers has information on careers, videos and entry and training requirements
https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles

Find your role quiz -
https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/FindYourCareer

Compare roles -
https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/compare-roles

Think about your interests

Are you most interested in:-

- Caring for people?
- Diagnosing Illness and treatments?
- Administering treatments, and rehabilitation?
- Using science to prevent or diagnose medical conditions or to inform medical treatments, and developments?
- Using technology to measure what is happening in the body?
- Designing artificial limbs?
- Research?
- Helping the NHS to engage with patients and local communities?
- Ensuring patients receive the best possible care by id quality performance?
- Being responsible for staff and budgeting ?
- IT services?
- Helping with maintenance?

Consider Work Experience/Volunteering

- A great way to try out a career idea. Requirement for many NHS roles.

- Most hospitals offer work experience, check age requirements. For Royal Berkshire you will need to be in Yr 11 (16+ admin only), Yr 12/Yr 13.

- Experience does not have to just be in a hospital. Consider volunteering in other areas eg with charities such as MIND, local services that support adults, young people or children, or in schools or nursing homes.

What qualifications will I need?

- To be a GP/Consultant - a medical degree + foundation training + specialist training.

- Most medical professional roles will require university study.

- Degree Apprenticeships are a possible route for some roles eg nursing, radiography, clinical engineering.

- Starting in an entry level position/assistant role and progressing through further training is possible for some roles eg

Healthcare assistant ⟶ **Nursing Associate** ⟶ **Registered Nurse**

- Wider Workforce - no set entry requirements.
Some roles require no qualifications. Others may require GCSE`s (usually English and maths, and sometimes science) or A levels/higher qualifications.

NHS Values

You will also need to show you share the NHS values:-

- Working Together for patients
- Compassion
- Respect and Dignity
- Improving lives
- Commitment to quality of care
- Everyone counts

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Where can I find out more?

Step into the NHS

- www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/careers

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