



Industry sector at a glance

Care

About

The care sector is generally divided into two separate functions, Healthcare and Social Care:

Healthcare

Healthcare is associated with treatment, care or aftercare of someone with a disease, illness, injury or disability. This care is generally provided by nurses or clinically trained staff.

Social Care

Social Care relates to the assistance of daily living, maintaining independence, social interaction and supported accommodation such as a care home.

Roles available

There are many different roles available in the care sector, here are just a few:

 <p>Hospital setting Care Workers</p>	 <p>Residential care home Care Workers</p>	 <p>Mental health Care Workers</p>
 <p>Family Care Workers</p>		 <p>Community Care Workers</p>

Care roles are varied and determined by the type of service being provided and the individuals being supported.



What it takes to work in care

Here are some of the qualities required:

 <p>Respectful</p>	 <p>Reliable</p>	 <p>Practical</p>	 <p>Caring</p>
 <p>Empathetic</p>	 <p>Patient</p>	 <p>Observant</p>	 <p>Trustworthy</p>

Did you know?



Adult social care is one of the few sectors where jobs are increasing. There are currently **1.6 million jobs** in adult social care and by 2035 it is estimated that the sector will need enough people to fill another **650,000 jobs** to meet growing demand.

Source: www.skillsforcare.org.uk

A criminal record check must be completed on everyone who wants to work in care. Depending on the role you apply for, you'll be required to undergo a basic, standard or enhanced check. Protecting Vulnerable Groups is the disclosure scheme in Scotland.

 <p>Basic disclosure</p>	 <p>Standard disclosure</p>
 <p>Enhanced disclosure</p>	 <p>Protecting vulnerable groups</p>

Further reading

You can find out more about what it's like to work in care by visiting www.aquestionofcare.org.uk

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