

Routeways into adult social care

What are the options for people looking to work in care?

There are lots of options for people who want to work in adult social care, to develop their skills and knowledge before applying for a job.



Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are work-based training programmes for anyone over the age of 16. They include work experience, a qualification and skills training.

There are different levels of apprenticeships, from level 2 to level 5 depending on experience.

You can search for opportunities at www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship.

You might also want to deliver an apprenticeship with local employers. Visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/apprenticeships.



Traineeship

Traineeships are for 16-24 year olds who aren't in employment. They include work preparation training, such as CV writing, English and maths support, and a work placement.

Employers will usually work with a learning provider to tailor a traineeship programme for their workplace. You can search for opportunities at www.gov.uk/find-traineeship.

You might also want to deliver a traineeship with local employers. Visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/traineeships.



Sector routeway

The sector routeway is run through local sector based work academies (SBWAs) in partnership with local employers, learning providers and employment specialists.

They include a learning programme, which could involve the Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care, and a work placement.

They're usually set up by a local employment service such as the **Jobcentre Plus** - ask them about local opportunities.

Find out more about careers in adult social care and support for teachers, careers and employment advisors at www.skillsforcare.org.uk/careersadvice.