

## Level 5 Principles of Commissioning for Wellbeing qualification – funding support options 2025/26

Principles of Commissioning for Wellbeing is an excellent level 5 qualification for people interested in commissioning for a meaningful life, not just a service. It includes co-production approaches and commissioning for outcomes as well as legislation and market shaping.

The qualification is suitable for new and experienced people working in social care and health, in either children's or adults' services.

There is a generic version of the qualification and a version which has been contextualised to commissioning of learning disability or autism care and support. These are run as separate cohorts by the learning providers Hasca and BCE.

### NHS employee (adults' and children's commissioning)

Between 2021/22 – 2024/25, the full cost of the learning disability and autism contextualised version of the qualification was met through NHS England funding for NHS commissioners. The funding supported over 180 NHS commissioners to undertake the qualification during this time.

Currently NHS commissioner places must be funded by the applicant or their employer.

### Social care employee (adult or all-age services)

The qualification is included in the DHSC's adult social care Learning and Development Support Scheme (LDSS). This means it may be possible to claim up to £2,890 towards the cost of the qualification. This is not administered by Skills for Care. Please visit the DHSC's [web page](#) for more information about eligibility and how to claim.