Occupational Map: Care Services

This is one of 15 occupational maps that group together occupations that require similar knowledge skills and behaviours. Career pathways and occupational clusters have been used to provide further grouping of occupations, with the pathways indicating options for likely career progression. Every apprenticeship standard has been captured, as well as other skilled occupations where there is a substantial requirement for technical knowledge and practical skills. This map groups together similar occupations into one care services pathway. The technical occupations in this pathway have been identified as suitable for learning via apprenticeships only, so government does not intend to launch T levels for this route.

Career Pathway

Technical Occupations

Technical occupations: skilled occupations that a college leaver or an apprentice would be entering, that typically require qualifications at levels 2/3.



Higher Technical Occupations

Higher Technical occupations: require more knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the workplace or further technical education. They typically require qualifications at levels 4/5.

Occupations in green: approved for delivery
Occupations in amber: standard published
Occupations in red: standard in development
Occupations in black: occupation awaiting standard
(): the number shown in brackets is the level of the

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Professional Occupations

Professional occupations: occupations where there is a clear career progression from higher technical occupations, as well as those occupations where a degree apprenticeship exists.

Click here for more information on the occupations listed in this map

Care services

Cluster: Children, Young People and Families Worker APPRENTICESHIP ONLY

Assess, review and deliver services to support and meet the needs of clients under the direct guidance of professional leadership.

Child and adolescent mental health worker Family support worker

Voluntary and community sector worker

Youth worker

Cluster: Children, Young People and Families Manager

Achieve a positive and lasting change in the status of client's lives and seek to raise the effectiveness of the services provided through regular reviews assisted by supervision.

Cluster: Care Services Professional

apprenticeship (if the level is known)

Lead, manage and deliver a whole care process to support clients including their assurance and improvement often requiring specialist care expertise.

Care navigator

Minister in pastoral charge (degree) (6)

Social sector professional

Social worker (degree) (6)

Welfare officer

Cluster: Adult Care Worker APPRENTICESHIP ONLY

Assess, review and deliver support services to meet the needs of clients under the direct guidance of professional leadership.

Adult care worker (2)

Lead adult care worker (3)

Rehabilitation Practitioner (3)

Cluster: Adult Care Manager

Lead, coach, guide team members to deliver care to clients and client groups whilst also seeking to achieve a high level of self development usually based on a care specialism

Counsellor (4)

Lead practitioner in adult care (4) Leader/Manager in adult care (5):

- Advanced practitioner
- Manager

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