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Working in the Social Care Sector

Working in social care offers the opportunity for individuals to work within a diverse range of services and choose from a wide variety of job roles. Whether you are looking for a career change, thinking of returning to social care or starting your working life, there is a wide range of opportunities available. Roles include both qualified and unqualified positions with the main focus of all roles on supporting individuals and families to make choices, improve their lives and contribute to their health, happiness and wellbeing.

Often support will be given when individuals are experiencing a particularly difficult period in their lives so the work can be challenging but equally satisfying. They may need support to develop and maintain their independence, dignity and control.



[A career as a social worker \(https://pcc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/in-social-care/Careerasocialworker.pdf?inline=true\)](https://pcc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/in-social-care/Careerasocialworker.pdf?inline=true)

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If you enjoy having a positive impact on people's lives then you will find working in social care a rewarding experience and gain a sense of personal achievement from knowing you are having a positive difference to someone's wellbeing.

- > The [Skills for Care website \(http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Care-careers/Care-careers.aspx\)](http://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Care-careers/Care-careers.aspx) gives more detailed information about careers in social care and is an excellent place to start.
- > Any council social care jobs that are available will be listed on the [council jobs website \(https://jobs.peterborough.gov.uk/\)](https://jobs.peterborough.gov.uk/)

Other useful links

- > [National Careers Service \(https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/socialservices.aspx\)](https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/advice/planning/jobfamily/Pages/socialservices.aspx)
- > [British Association of Social Workers \(http://www.basw.co.uk/jobs/\)](http://www.basw.co.uk/jobs/)
- > [Social care and social work jobs and careers advice from Community Care \(http://jobs.communitycare.co.uk/\)](http://jobs.communitycare.co.uk/)
- > [NHS Careers \(http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/\)](http://jobs.communitycare.co.uk/NHS_Careers)