

A photograph of a healthcare professional, likely a nurse or doctor, wearing a light blue uniform. She is leaning over and smiling warmly at an elderly patient whose back is to the camera. The background is bright and slightly blurred, suggesting an indoor setting like a hospital or care home.

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Introduction to Health and Social Care

What is HSC?

This Health and Social Care qualification has been designed to provide an opportunity to gain a broad understanding of the health and social care sector, supporting progression.

Learners will be able to progress to further relevant Level 2 programmes of study or Level 3 programmes of study including Early Years, Childcare and Education or a T Level programme in Health and Science – allowing entry into the workforce and higher education.

Learners who achieve at level 1 might consider progression to level 2 qualifications post-16, such as:

- GCSE in Health and Social Care
- GCSE in Childcare

Learners who achieve at level 2 might consider progression to level 3 qualifications post-16, such as:

- Level 3 Applied Generals
- Level 3 Technical Levels including T Level programmes (this will support progression to employment and higher education)

What will I study?

This qualification will provide learners with an understanding of health and social care provision and services in the UK. It will focus on:

- Health and social care provision and services
- Job roles in health and social care and the care values that underpin professional practice
- Legislation, Policy and procedures in health and Social Care
- Human development across the life span
- The care needs of the individual.
- How health and social care services are accessed
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- The care planning cycle.

Health and social care relates to the integrated services available to support individuals to ensure their needs are met.



Health and Social Care Services and Careers

