

Social care: a rewarding career for you

Why choose a career in social care?

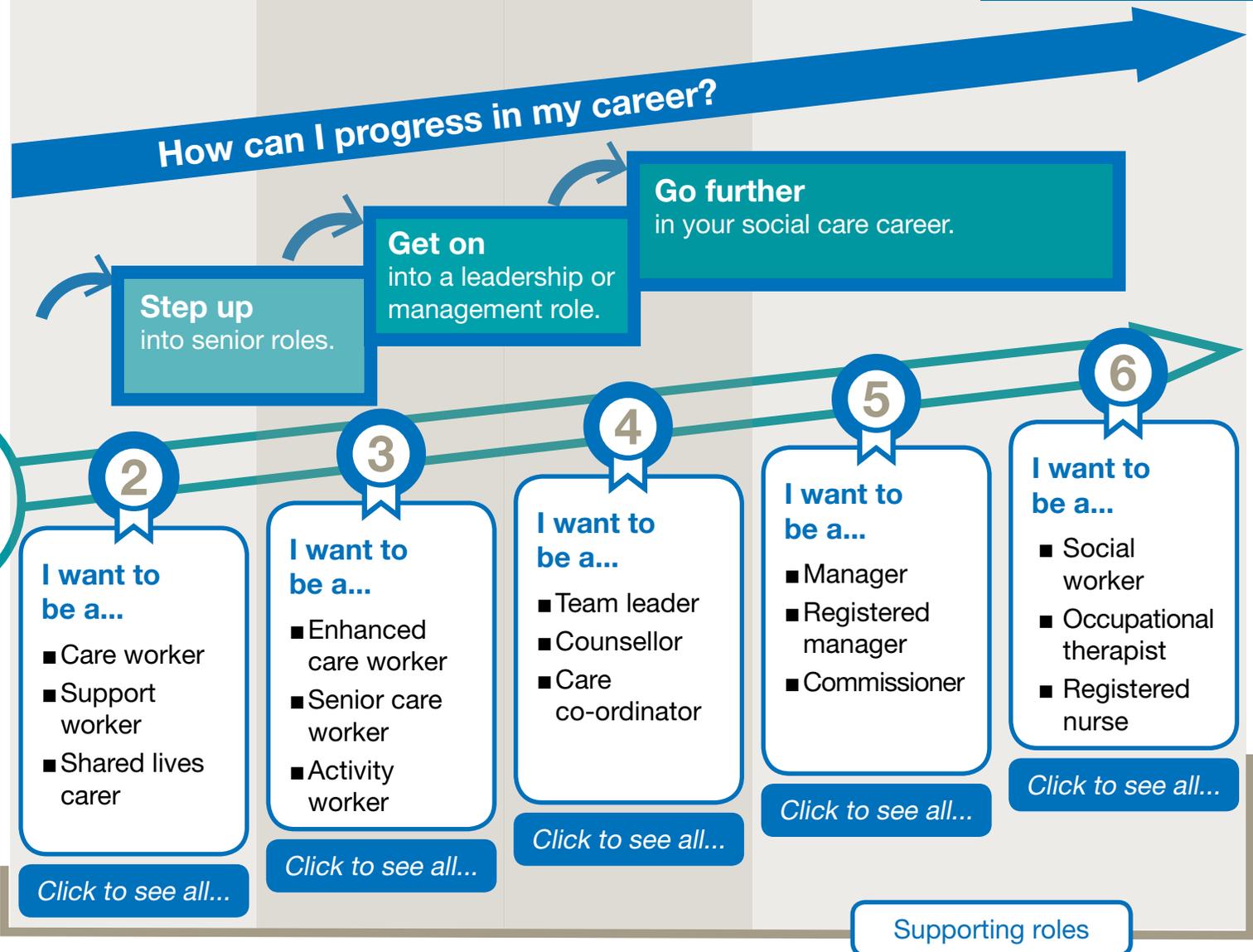


- Maintaining dignity and respect
- Working with others
- Willing to learn
- Committed to good care
- Good listener



Get in to social care

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How can I progress in my career?

Step up into senior roles.

Get on into a leadership or management role.

Go further in your social care career.

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I want to be a...

- Care worker
- Support worker
- Shared lives carer

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I want to be a...

- Enhanced care worker
- Senior care worker
- Activity worker

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I want to be a...

- Team leader
- Counsellor
- Care co-ordinator

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I want to be a...

- Manager
- Registered manager
- Commissioner

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I want to be a...

- Social worker
- Occupational therapist
- Registered nurse

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Supporting roles

Do a Traineeship

A Traineeship is a programme for 16-23 year olds who aren't in employment but are motivated to work in social care.

It will help you to develop the skills, knowledge and values needed to work in social care, alongside gaining work experience, to help you move into permanent employment or an Apprenticeship.

You can read more about Traineeships, including how to find one, on our website: www.skillsforcare.org.uk/traineeships16-23

Do a course at school, college or training organisation

There are courses you can do which will help you understand more about working in social care, and give you some of the knowledge and skills you need.

Some courses might include work experience which will help you into a role. Some care providers might also run their own pre-employment training programme.

Join a care sector-routeway

The care sector-routeway is a six week programme run by your local Jobcentre Plus.

It's for people who are unemployed and gives you the opportunity to gain a qualification, develop your core skills, do work experience and get a guaranteed job interview at the end. You'll also be supported to search for jobs.

Speak to your local Jobcentre Plus to find out more.

How can I start my career?

There are lots of ways you could get into social care.

Apply for an Apprenticeship

As a social care apprentice you'll gain work experience, achieve a qualification and earn a wage. Apprenticeships usually last between 12 months and two years and are mainly work-based - so you can develop your skills on the job.

There are different levels of Apprenticeships depending on your skills and experience.

You can find out more about Apprenticeships, including live vacancies, on our website:

www.skillsforcare.org.uk/socialcareApprenticeships

Apply for an advertised vacancy

Before you apply, have a think about what types of roles you would like to do. Section 6 'Job roles in social care' explains some of the different roles you could do in the sector.

It's always worth looking to see what jobs are advertised. You could visit local care services' websites to look for vacancies, or national recruitment websites such as Fish4Jobs or Indeed.

Volunteer or do work experience

If you're new to adult social care and want to find out if it's the right career for you, it might be useful to do some work experience or volunteering.

Your school, college or jobcentre might be able to help with this or you could contact organisations directly or look on www.do-it.org to find local volunteering opportunities.

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