



sector route-way for adult social care

information for Jobcentre Plus staff

There are currently more than **25,000 unfilled care worker vacancies**.

Skills for Care estimates that by 2025 the adult social care sector in England will need up to 2.5 million workers, which is an 80% increase on current numbers.

There is a huge range of work opportunities in the adult social care sector tailored to various lifestyle and individual needs. Whether you have jobseekers looking for a career change, thinking of returning to the social care sector, or starting working life from school or college, the care sector has much to offer.

In partnership with Jobcentre Plus, Skills for Care has developed a sector route-way for social care. You can access the social care route-way toolkit via the intranet or by visiting www.skillsforcare.org.uk/caresectorrouteway.

You can also find out much more about working in social care by using the Career Pathways e-tool – an interactive online tool which identifies users' particular social care interests against job 'levels' to find what job roles there are and see what range of skills and qualifications are needed for those roles. The e-tool is in the developing skills section of www.skillsforcare.org.uk.

The Career Pathways e-tool was designed for potential new recruits to the sector and current care workers who are thinking about how to develop their careers. However, it is also a very useful resource for personal advisers, careers guidance staff and anyone else that needs to know more about working in the social care sector.

Some customers may also be eligible for other routes into social care such as Care First Careers. Further information about this is on the intranet.