

Support Worker career opportunities within the Allied Health Professions

- Across the Allied Health Professions, support workers make an invaluable contribution for service-users and service delivery.
- Our support workforce are staff who are qualified but not professionally registered, providing care and support for patients and clients, and who work under supervision and within agreed guidelines and protocols.



- Support Workers, Senior Support Workers, Assistants and Assistant Practitioners work alongside Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) to provide high quality, life changing care across a range of acute hospital and community services.
- Within the NHS, Support Workers are typically employed within Agenda for Change Bands 2, 3 and 4 (depending on level of experience).

Entry level e.g. Support Worker (role titles can vary)	Intermediate level e.g. Senior Support Worker (role titles can vary)	Advanced level Assistant Practitioner
This is the entry level for many clinical support workers into the NHS. They will carry out straightforward clinical, technical, scientific, and/or administrative tasks. Support Workers at this stage of the framework typically work at NHS pay scale Band 2 or equivalent.	Senior Support Workers will use more advanced skills under the supervision of registered staff and may also work alone, with access to a registered member of staff on site or via the telephone. Responsibilities include the direct delivery of clinical, technical, or scientific activities following training. Senior Support Workers typically work at NHS pay scale Band 3 or equivalent.	Assistant Practitioners work at a level above that of healthcare support workers and have more in-depth education and understanding about different factors that influence health. They provide routine and non-routine care and support, including to people with more complex needs. Assistant Practitioners typically work at NHS pay scale Band 4 or equivalent.

- Some trusts offer Apprenticeships to enable Support Workers to train to become registered health professionals. This can be a great opportunity to study and work in your chosen profession.

