

Your career in adult care

◀ work mainly in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Primary care graduate mental health worker (PCGMHW) or graduate mental health worker (GMHW)

PCGMHWs work with adults in primary care settings, such as GP surgeries and clinics.

It is estimated that around a quarter of GP consultations are with people with mental health illness, and the role of the PCGM is to improve management of the problems.

The exact role of the PCGMHW varies between NHS employers, but typically includes: face to face client work, such as using cognitive behavioural approaches with clients with clinical depression; promoting positive mental health; consolidating mental health information for patients; improving GP knowledge about community resources and enhancing community liaison.

Posts for PCGMHWs or GMHWs are typically open either to new graduates (usually in a relevant subject and psychology may be required), or to graduate applicants with relevant work experience. Some employers may specify

experience of working in mental health or with people with disabilities.

Strategic management

Strategic managers set objectives for their NHS organisation and create paths to reach those goals. The role entails taking responsibility for successfully delivering services, and involves managing people, resources and budgets. It requires an ability to work alongside clinical colleagues and with multi-disciplinary teams, to consult patients and the public to find ways to improve service delivery. The role could range from having responsibility for an NHS trust's multi-million pound budget and its whole service division of staff to managing primary care or mental health services across many sites.

Jobs at this level will usually require experience and knowledge of a range of management skills, such as communications, risk management, planning, public and patient involvement, clinical governance and purchasing.

Examples of jobs within strategic management include commissioning managers, directors of strategic development, and directors of NHS Trusts. ■

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