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HEALTH &
SOCIAL CARE

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WHAT IS THE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SECTOR?

The health and social care sector is one of the largest sectors throughout Europe. It makes a significant contribution to European society, both in terms of the overall health and wellbeing of citizens as well as to the economy.

This sector is also one of the most important ones in terms of employment and provides work for those in formal care settings such as hospitals, medical practices and nursing and care homes, but also for care workers looking after individuals in their own home

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WHAT JOBS COULD YOU DO?

CARE WORKER

RECEPTIONIST

HOSPITAL PORTER

CHILDREN'S NURSE

PHARMACY ASSISTANT

ADVICE WORKER

CARE MANAGER

CHILD CARE ASSISTANT

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

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JOB SPOTLIGHT
PARAMEDIC

THE ROLE

Paramedics respond to emergency calls, assess incidents, stabilise patients under pressure, administer medications, use defibrillators, assist with childbirth, handle non-emergency calls, maintain equipment, and provide comfort to those affected.

WORKING ENVIRONMENTS

Paramedics work in ambulances, hospitals, homes, and communities, often outdoors, wearing uniforms and protective gear as they provide crucial medical assistant in various settings.

THE SALARY

In London, paramedics earn between **£34,016** to **£41,401** annually, with new hires starting at **£29,553**.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The job needs healthcare expertise, soft skills, computer proficiency, passing background checks, a medical test, and ideally, a full driving license, preferably with C1.
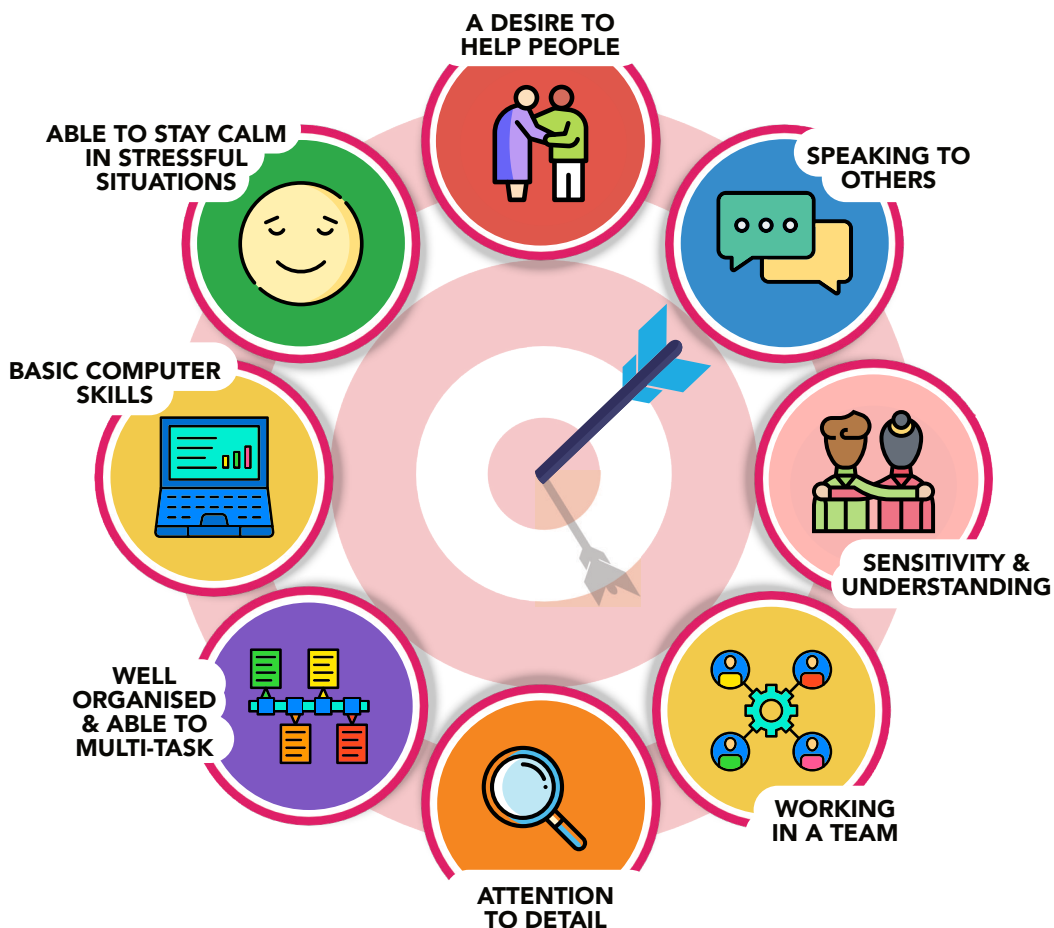
THE TRAINING

Options include earning a Paramedic Science degree from University (visit ucas.com for details) or undertaking a hands-on apprenticeship with the London Ambulance Service.

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WHAT SKILLS CAN HELP YOU?

Different jobs need different skills. Being able to adapt the skills you already have is important.

A DESIRE TO HELP PEOPLE

ABLE TO STAY CALM IN STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

SPEAKING TO OTHERS

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

SENSITIVITY & UNDERSTANDING

WELL ORGANISED & ABLE TO MULTI-TASK

ATTENTION TO DETAIL

WORKING IN A TEAM

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WHERE ARE THE MOST JOBS NEEDED?

NURSES

SERVICE MANAGERS

HEALTHCARE ASSISTANTS

NURSING ASSISTANTS

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

PARAMEDICS

PHARMACISTS

ESTATE & FACILITY MANAGERS

LOCAL EMPLOYERS INCLUDE...

NHS Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust

Nuffield Health

London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Care City

Bupa

Boots

Day Lewis Pharmacy

PARAGON

EARTHHAVEN HEALTHCARE Solutions Your haven on earth

CARE PROVIDERS' VOICE

NHS North East London

bluebird care

Specsavers

NHS Barts Health NHS Trust

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WHERE CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS?

SKILLS FOR CAREERS

Explore courses that can support you in developing new skills.

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SKILLS BOOTCAMPS

Explore Skills Bootcamps to help you change sector or progress in your current industry.

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INSTITUTES OF TECHNOLOGIES

Explore higher-level technical education and training across a range of occupations.

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