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# **Purpose statement**

**NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to  
Work in Adult Social Care  
QN: 600/1213/4**

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### **Qualification overview**

This qualification will enable learners to develop a basic knowledge of the adult social care sector and is aimed at those learners who wish to explore roles in this field.

Note: Does not confer competence or licence to practise

### **Qualification content**

This qualification provides you with a basic knowledge of the adult social care sector. It covers the type of job roles and services within it, the role of communication and the importance of valuing the individuals being cared for.

All units within the qualification are mandatory and you will gain knowledge and understanding in the following areas:

- introduction to the adult social care sector
- values and principles of adult social care
- skills and attitudes needed to work in adult social care
- communication
- roles and responsibilities in adult social care.

Completion of this qualification is achieved through classroom-based learning.

All the units within this qualification are vocationally based, directly helping you to develop a basic knowledge of the adult social care sector and explore the type of job roles and services within it.

### **Entry requirements**

There are no formal entry requirements for this qualification, but you will need to be at least 14 years of age.

This qualification will take approximately 6 months to complete.

### **What knowledge and skills will this qualification give you?**

Completion of this qualification will equip you with a basic knowledge of the adult social care sector, and the purpose and requirements of the different roles within it. It will also give you an introductory knowledge of some of the key requirements to work in adult social care, such as the importance of communication and valuing the individuals being cared for.

### **Is this qualification right for you?**

This qualification is ideal if you have little or no previous experience but are considering a career in adult health and social care and wish to explore the different roles in this field. It is also suitable if you are returning to work following a career break.

You do not need to be working, volunteering or on practical placement as this is a knowledge only qualification.

### **Why should you take this qualification?**

Our suite of Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care qualifications is made up of the:

- Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- Level 3 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care

If you wish to gain a basic knowledge of working in adult social care you should undertake the Award. This qualification size would be suitable for you if you are looking for your first job, looking to re-train or returning to work.

If you wish to build on the knowledge within the Award, the Level 2 Certificate will introduce you to new areas relevant to the sector. It will also prepare you to work in a supervised role in adult social care settings.

The Level 3 Certificate is suitable if you wish to gain a deeper knowledge of working in adult social care settings. It will also prepare you to work in unsupervised roles in the adult social care setting.

This qualification is not available as part of an Apprenticeship Framework.

### **Progression opportunities - what could this qualification lead to?**

This qualification will not lead directly to employment. Whilst it does not confirm competence in a job role it does provide an opportunity to develop knowledge about the wider health and social care sector, allowing you to decide whether working in the sector is for you, and to gain information to make decisions about career progression.

If you are looking to continue studying after completion of this qualification, the Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care provides you with the basic knowledge of the adult social care sector to progress to the:

- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care
- NCFE CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care.

### **Support for this qualification**

Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care is supported by the following providers:

- Best Practice Network
- New College Nottingham
- Single Parent Action Network

### **Further information**

For more information about the NCFE CACHE Level 1 Award in Preparing to Work in Adult Social Care (600/1213/4) please see the support materials tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website.