

# Could this be your Career Pathway?

Find out about Sarah's career in social care.



I was working in a bank part time after having my second child, but really wanted a job that was more rewarding and closer to home. A friend told me about a casual role as a care assistant, so I applied and got it. I soon realised that working in social care was for me and as a permanent role became available, I applied and now, 9 years on, I'm the deputy manager, looking to move into technology for social care, which I have discovered is my passion.

Everyday is different working in social care, no two days are the same and I love making a difference to the people we support and seeing them happy. Yes there are challenging days, people become poorly, we support people with end of life, there are people living with dementia who struggle to settle. But with great support, training and understanding we are able to support people to the best of our ability. I think the biggest mis-conception of a job in social care is that it is non-skilled job, but it's not. There are so many skills to be learnt working in care, such as medication administration, digital monitoring, developing in-depth person-centred support plans, plus the opportunity to complete formal qualifications. I am really proud that I achieved my level 3 and level 5 qualifications and that I was supported with this through work.

**Customer Success Specialist**

**Deputy Manager**

**Senior Carer**

**Care Assistant**

**Casual Care Assistant**