

Joined Up Careers Derbyshire

Consultant medical roles

What is a consultant?

A consultant is a medically qualified doctor who has completed further training into a specialist area. Consultants can specialise in more than 60 areas including oncology, paediatrics and surgery. Consultants also have opportunities in research, teaching and management. Consultants have a passion for improving people's lives by delivering medical and non-medical interventions in people's homes, within the community and in hospitals. While challenging, medicine is an incredibly rewarding and varied career that gives individuals the opportunity to make a real difference to patients' lives.

Do you have what it takes?

Before you can train as a consultant, you must complete a degree in medicine and have obtained a MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery) or equivalent qualification. You'll then need to complete a two-year foundation programme, and a further period of core training – this can range between five and eight years depending on the specialism. You'll need to have empathy, compassion and the ability to treat others with understanding and respect. Emotional resilience and the ability to remain calm under pressure are vital in coping with challenging situations. Communication skills and the ability to listen are also imperative skills when working within health.

What's in it for you?

- Rewarding career
- Over 60 specialisms
- Variety
- Excellent employment prospects
- £77,913 - £105,042 once qualified
- Progression opportunities

How can I find out more?

Visit the [NHS Health Careers](#) website.

Visit the [General Medical Council](#) website.