Clinical roles contribute directly to patient treatment and care, and often involve work with patients. Biomedical roles tend to be more ‘behind the scenes’, providing others in the medical team with the information they need to treat patients effectively. The NHS is the major employer and the main routes in are as a trainee clinical scientist or a biomedical scientist.

**NHS and government websites**

**What can I do with my degree**

[https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/training-opportunities-degree](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/training-opportunities-degree)

A website run by the NHS, which allows you to enter your degree discipline and read sector information, case studies and job vacancies within the Health Sciences sector applicable for you.

**NHS Clinical Scientists Recruitment**

[https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/not-studying-health-related-degree/nhs-scientist-training-programme](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/not-studying-health-related-degree/nhs-scientist-training-programme)

Website which contains information about the NHS’ Scientist Training Programme, a graduate scheme that leads to more senior scientist roles.

**Health Careers**

[https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/](https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/)

The NHS’ main careers website.

**Health Informatics Career Framework**

[www.hicf.org.uk](http://www.hicf.org.uk)

Details about a range of different roles within health informatics. This website contains information about every level of job, from initial level entry jobs to more senior roles, which is useful for long-term career planning.

**Public Health England**


An executive agency of the Department of Health, their website is worth keeping an eye on for the latest news and trends from the sector, and for judging the political mood surrounding it.

**Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST)**

[http://www.parliament.uk/post](http://www.parliament.uk/post)

POST is Parliament’s in-house source of independent, balanced and accessible analysis of public policy issues related to science and technology.

**Specialty Training**

[http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk](http://specialtytraining.hee.nhs.uk)

An NHS website set up to help qualified doctors and dentists who are planning to apply for more specialised posts.

**Professional bodies**

These are a great source of careers information and commercial awareness. They often have a student membership option, which allows you to attend events and network with industry professionals. It also looks very good on your CV to join one of these – demonstrating a real focus and commitment to the industry.

**The Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry (ABPI)**

[http://careers.abpi.org.uk/Pages/default.aspx](http://careers.abpi.org.uk/Pages/default.aspx)

The ABPI is a trade association whose member companies produce prescription medication. This link takes you straight through to their careers page.

**British Society of Audiology**

[www.thebsa.org.uk](http://www.thebsa.org.uk)

This website provides some useful links and contains some specific careers resources.

**British Academy of Audiology**

[www.baaudiology.org](http://www.baaudiology.org)

The careers information on this website contains details about working in Audiology, a jobs board, information on how to train as an Audiologist, as well as a downloadable careers brochure.

**Audiology Resources**

[www.aud.org.uk](http://www.aud.org.uk)

Though a little dated, this website contains some useful information about the specific areas of audiology that you can find yourself working in.

**The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS)**

[https://www.ibms.org/go/biomedical-science/careers-jobs](https://www.ibms.org/go/biomedical-science/careers-jobs)

Details about working as a Biomedical Scientist can be found in the ‘about biomedical science’ menu. The IBMS also accredit a number of Biomedical Science qualifications at undergraduate and postgraduate level, which you can read about under the “Qualifications” tab.
The Association for Clinical Biochemistry (ACB)  
http://www.acb.org.uk/whatwedo/Careers.aspx
A careers section providing information on becoming a clinical biochemist as well as links to other sources of careers information.

The Biochemical Society  
http://www.biochemistry.org/Education.aspx
The downloadable leaflet “Next steps: options after a bioscience degree” has information on job seeking strategies, making the most of your skills, study options, and a CV guide.

British Fertility Society  
The BFS represents all professionals who work in the field of reproductive medicine. The link above offers some introductory information on this area

IVF.net  
www.ivf.net
This website contains a course list, vodcasts on a range of IVF related topics, current news stories and job listings.

The Association of Clinical Embryologists  
https://www.embryologists.org.uk/Education/Education
This is the UK professional body for embryologists. The easiest way to qualify as an Embryologist is through the NHS’ STP programme, and the link above contains more details about that.

Society for General Microbiology (SGM)  
http://www.sgm.ac.uk/en/education/careers.cfm
The ‘education & careers’ section provides access to the dedicated careers website.

Clinical Molecular Genetics Society  
http://cmgsweb.shared.hosting.zen.co.uk/
A dated website, but the ‘directory of labs’ link provides details on the laboratories carrying out clinical molecular genetics work in the UK, which could be useful in locating places to contact for work experience.

British Society of Human Genetics  
http://www.bsgm.org.uk/information-education/
This professional body represents professionals working in clinical genetics and research. The page linked to also contains links to their careers section, as well as a Regional Genetic Centre database, with contact details of the 25 centres in the UK.

European Hematology Association (EHA)  
http://www.erahweb.org
The website provides details of the research fellowships and other funding opportunities that the EHA provide.

British Society for Haematology  
www.b-s-h.org.uk
This is the main Haematology Society in the UK. The list of external resources provides a large number of links to relevant sites to help with researching this area of science.

British Society for Immunology  
www.immunology.org
One of the largest immunological society in Europe, the BSI’s website contains a lot of careers information, with details of the current market, jobs and funding for BSI-run courses.

Forensic entomology  
www.forensic-entomology.com
This website provides some interesting background on the role of a forensic entomologist which may be useful to anyone investigating this career.

The British Association for Forensic Odontology (BAFO)  
www.bafo.org.uk
This website contains a guide to forensic odontology so you can find out more about this field of work.

Statisticians in the Pharmaceutical Industry (PSI)  
http://www.psiweb.org/careers/careers
The website contains a careers centre which provides information on working as a statistician in the pharmaceutical industry, case studies and a job search facility.

The Society for Radiological Protection  
www.srp-uk.org
The UK associate society of the International Radiation Protection Association, their website contains an overview of the sector, job vacancies and job profiles.

Health Service Journal  
www.hsj.co.uk
This site and the associated magazine provide a good way to stay up to date with development in the health service. Clinical and allied medical profession vacancies are advertised as well as managerial and administrative posts.

Bio-TT World  
www.bio-ittworld.com
This website publishes news stories and current issues in bioinformatics and drug discovery.

Extraordinary You: Science in healthcare  
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications-extraordinary-you
This book celebrates the careers of healthcare scientists working across the NHS, which could give you inspiration to follow in their paths.

Scientific Technical Support  
Institute of Animal Technology  
www.iat.org.uk/careers
The site contains a downloadable careers booklet as well as information on career paths. The site also contains information on employers and salary.

Agenda  
www.agenda-rm.co.uk
They advertise vacancies for animal technician roles which may not be advertised elsewhere.

Further Information  
Careers Tagged  
www.careerstagged.co.uk
Careers Tagged is an online careers library. Type a keyword (such as ‘Job site’) and you’ll find information sheets, jobsites, blogs, professional organisations and much more. Narrow your search by typing a second keyword (such as ‘France’). All material is vetted and checked by careers staff, to ensure it is useful and relevant. For information on health sciences, try tags such as SCIENCE, BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE, MEDICAL SCIENCE, SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS, SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION, AUDIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY, and PHARMACOLOGY.

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