



# Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs) help the NHS care for children in hospitals

Health and Science HTQs are helping the NHS fill vacancies. Open to learners over 18, the qualifications have been developed in partnership with employers to ensure HTQ graduates have the necessary skills and knowledge that the NHS needs and are ready to work in NHS roles such as nursing associate or health play specialist.



*“The HTQ makes our workforce more dynamic. I would feel confident employing an HTQ graduate. They have a level of competency to lead on a project or scheme.”*

**Susan Fairclough,**  
Therapeutic and Specialised Play Service Manager, RMCH

*“Courses like the Health Play Specialist HTQ are helping to meet the demands of the NHS, upskilling people with relevant, real-world experience.”*

**Sallyanne Pitt,** Head of Play Service, GOSH

**We spoke to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) and Royal Manchester Children’s Hospital (RMCH) about HTQs and working with University Centre Leeds (UC Leeds).**

**GOSH and RMCH need no introduction, but health play specialists might. They help children cope with the daunting hospital experience through therapeutic play.**



## Collaborating with HTQ providers

GOSH and RMCH worked with UC Leeds on developing an HTQ programme that’s agile and delivered onsite. UC Leeds regularly gathers feedback, then adapts assessments and course material to keep it relevant and up to date with changing standards.

## Making the workforce more dynamic

HTQ graduates help strengthen the health play workforce, filling crucial roles with qualified and registered health play specialists.

## Benefitting from HTQs and HTQ learners

According to GOSH and RMCH, courses like the Health Play Specialist HTQ are helping to equip

students with the skills they need to support the NHS. They’ve made it easier for them to establish a pipeline for talent and increased awareness of career paths.

## Find out more about HTQs

Take a look at [Employer Information](#) and see how you can upskill your workforce or find new talent. HTQs can also help you to get the skills you need in a wide range of other specialist occupations, including digital, business and administration and engineering and manufacturing.

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