

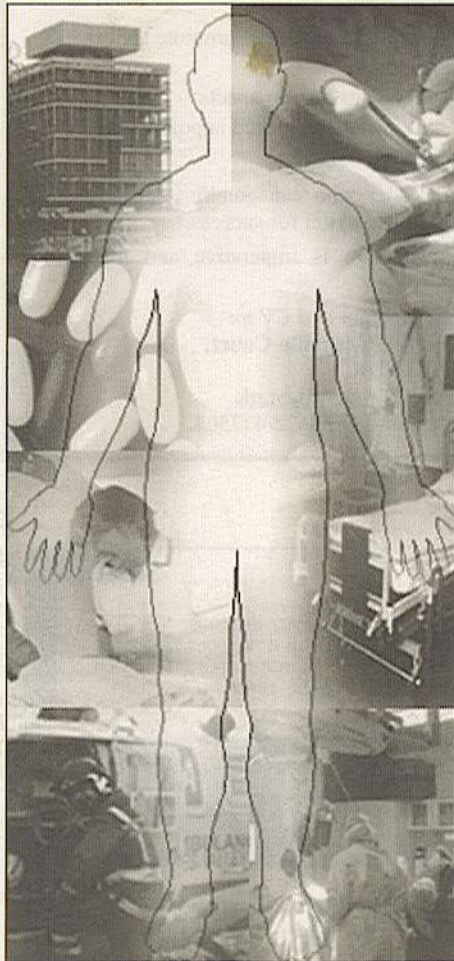
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Bring your career back to life

NEARLY all of us have, at some time in our lives, used the NHS. What we usually see is 'front of house', the front line of health care. We rarely see the bigger picture.

It takes a team to run a busy hospital or health centre, and deliver an effective health service, and there are dozens of parallel professionals who contribute as much as the doctors, nurses and therapists. In fact, there are over 70 careers in the NHS, including operating department assistants, chiropodists, physiotherapists, paramedics and radiographers to name but a few.

Some need qualifications, many do not. For anyone keen to advance and learn, there are opportunities to get professional qualifications or take up vocational training.

New employment policies mean

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changed – so has healthcare
Richard Hill finds out more*

the NHS is a better place to work, offering more flexible and family friendly working conditions, clearer opportunities for career progression and improved pay and conditions. New policies encourage managers to listen to people with expertise and experience and make decisions based on that knowledge.

The NHS now aims to make sure everyone has a say in how things are done in ways that lead to improved care and service to patients.

It is also at the forefront of techno-

logical and clinical advances. Working practices throughout the service are changing to improve things for patients and staff, and flexibility and teamwork are more important than ever in making sure patients get the best possible treatment available.

The NHS is working to provide better career progression and fairer rewards for team working, developing new skills and taking on extended roles. It is also looking to provide more opportunities to combine or

move laterally between jobs in practice, education and research.

More than ever before, the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of illness now rely upon a broad span of scientific knowledge and technical skills. Along with doctors, nurses and other professions, scientists and technicians are essential members of today's healthcare team – an excellent way to bring your career back to life.

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