

Studying Pearson Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC  
National in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)

at  
King Edward VII School

Bridging work for September 2026

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in Health and Social Care (Extended Certificate)**

The level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification BTEC National in Health and Social Care provides knowledge of a variety of topics linked to the vocational area. The course contains a variety of units that are assessed both internally and externally. It is an ideal qualification for students who want a broad background in health, social care and children and young people. The exam board for the qualification offered is Pearson.

You might find it useful to familiarise yourself with the information on the exam boards website.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/health-and-social-care-aaq.html>

The course can be undertaken by candidates who have not studied Health and Social Care before.

Where can this course take me?

Students can progress onto higher education degrees or apprenticeships.

Getting Started

When you arrive at King Edward VII in September you will receive an induction to the course and begin your units of study. In preparation for this you are required to complete the following tasks.

**Task 1 – Organisations, legislation and guidance affecting health and social care services**

Write a brief summary (2-3 sentences maximum) of the role of each of the 5 organisations listed below. You can use books and websites but you must write down the website or book title where you found the information.

1. **Department of Health and Social Care**
2. **NHS England**
3. **National Institute for Care Excellence (NICE)**
4. **Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)**
5. **Care Quality Commission (CQC).**

**Task 2 – Health and Social Care Professionals**

Create the following table in a word document and use the NHS website to complete it by identifying the roles of each professional.

Professional	Job role
<b>Nurses</b>	
mental health	
Adult	
learning disability	
children and young people (CYP)	
specialist community public health nurse – health visitor	
children's practice nurse	
school nurses (SN)	
occupational health nursing (OHN)	
<b>Doctors</b>	
general practitioner	
surgeon	
psychiatrist	
<b>Other health professionals</b>	
Midwives	
<b>Allied health professions</b>	
physiotherapy	
occupational therapy	
speech therapist	
radiographer	
podiatry	
<b>Additional health and social care professionals</b>	
Dentist	
dental hygienist	
Social worker	
Dietician	
Care and support workers: domiciliary/residential	
Psychologist	
counsellor	
Youth worker	
Social prescriber	