

Statement of Purpose and Aims

Skills for Health is the sector skills council for the health sector. We help the whole UK health sector develop a skilled, flexible and productive workforce to improve the quality of health and healthcare.

We do this in two ways.

Firstly, as the authoritative voice on skills issues we:

- Meet, listen and respond to employers and stakeholders
- Understand skills needs and represent them
- Champion effective investment in skills in the sector
- Conduct focused workforce research for employers
- Provide intelligence on the labour market to help employers predict workforce trends
- Ensure that employers get the right staff with the right qualifications through influence on education and training supply.

Secondly, we offer employers and the workforce tested solutions and tools, with the expertise and experience to use them effectively.

These solutions and tools help to deliver:

- A more flexible workforce
- A more productive workforce
- Fewer skills gaps
- Employees with better skills at all levels
- More rewarding jobs
- A better patient experience

They are based on unique workforce competences identified and managed by Skills for Health that are:

- Recognised across the UK
- Transferable
- Quality assured
- Used to develop recognised qualifications based on employer needs.

We recognise that to do this we need to work with partners across the sector, and in every UK country.