

Be part of team making a difference for people in your community – work as a Health Care Support Assistant with Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

Health Care Support Assistant (previously called Home Helps) assist people to remain living in their homes and communities, and to maintain their independence.

Health Care Support Assistants work with clients to carry out the usual activities of day-to-day life, assisting family members to care for loved ones at home.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare employs about 2,000 health care support assistants across the region, and their work makes a difference every single day. They help people to remain living in their homes and communities and to maintain their independence. It's an important and rewarding role which is of huge importance to the people they work with, their families and their communities.

Benefits of working as a Health Care Support Assistant:

- Health Care Support Assistants are public sector employees, with pension rights and a salary scale
- The salary scale for a 39-hour week is currently €26,789 up to €32,470 (March 2019)
- HCSAs receive paid holidays and other leave, paid travel time and paid mileage
- Access to free continuous development ie ongoing training relevant to the role, such as: Manual Handling, Infection Prevention and Control and Dementia Awareness.
- Opportunities for career progression within the HSE
- Access to HSE Employee Assistance Programme and Occupational Health
- New recruits are offered a minimum of 10 hours per week, and this can increase to 39 hours per week.

What the job involves:

- Personal care needs eg assisting people with showering or bathing; assistance with continence needs; helping people in and out of bed; helping people move from room to room within their home.
- Environmental care needs, in other words helping to make sure the person using the service has a warm, safe environment. This might include making the bed, changing bed linen, making sure they have clean clothes and that their surroundings are clean.
- Nutritional care needs. This can include helping to prepare light meals, present at meal times and making sure someone using the service is eating enough.

A Fetac Level 5 qualification is mandatory.

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