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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2021 PAY AND REWARD SURVEY

Median salary

£46,700*

*all employed respondents, including ‘semi-retired’

£34,000¹

¹respondents self-selected

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Chartered Chemist (CChem)

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Full time median salary by gender

Men

£51,000

Women

£40,000

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Industrial or commercial company

£51,200

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