



Apprentice Case Study: Tiggy

Tiggy joined the Trust in 2024 as an Apprentice HCA and has completed the L2 Healthcare Support Worker Apprenticeship.

Why did you decide to undertake an apprenticeship?

At the time of deciding to do this Apprenticeship I was a month into Sixth Form and wasn't enjoying my time there so I decided to look for other options which is when I came across the HCA Apprenticeship. I learn well when being involved and actually doing something so I knew that an Apprenticeship was going to be the best option for me. My plan was always to do this Apprenticeship after sixthform as I have always wanted to do something in healthcare but as the opportunity was there I decided to take it and it was the best decision for me. Doing an Apprenticeship meant I could learn from and work with some amazing healthcare workers who have helped me and taught me so much through the 14 months of the Apprenticeship.

How do you feel your apprenticeship has benefited you so far, and what has it enabled you to learn or develop?

This Apprenticeship has benefited me to realise that healthcare is definitely where I would like to carry on my career. Throughout my Apprenticeship I have attended college where I have learnt a lot as well as constantly learning whilst at work. I have taken opportunities to spend days with specialty nurses and work on other wards to help broaden my knowledge but to also show myself other routes I can go down in the future. I have developed my skills and confidence working on the ward and has helped me to understand other medical professionals roles.



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What would your advice be to anyone considering undertaking an apprenticeship?

My advice would be to go for it: I have worked with an amazing team who have been so supportive throughout my Apprenticeship. An Apprenticeship is a great way for you to learn whilst also getting paid. I personally found it hard to study and try to work at the same time in Sixth Form however in your Apprenticeship you have set study times and learn whilst on the job. My advice for if you are about to start your Apprenticeship would be to throw yourself into it and take any opportunities you can for example go spend a day with a specialty nurse or go watch a dressing get changed, this helps you to grow confidence and can help you if you are unsure of whether you want to take your healthcare job further.

What are your plans once you have successfully completed your apprenticeship?

Once I have completed my Apprenticeship I will be staying on the ward I completed my Apprenticeship on working with the lovely team as a Band 3 HCA. In the future I would like to work towards becoming either a Registered Nurse or Midwife however I have not made a decision of which direction yet so will continue where I am till I have.



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