

Bradford Project SEARCH Update

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What is it?

Project SEARCH is a partnership between Bradford Teaching Hospitals, Southfield School, HFT, Bradford Council and the University of Bradford. The goal is to provide

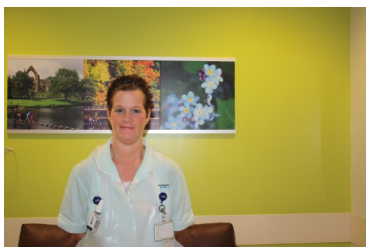
three on-site work placements for young people with learning difficulties leading to gaining skills necessary for employment.

Sarah is enjoying life on the ward

Sarah is the only woman in this year's cohort and has made a great start in cleaning services on the ward. *"I do the mopping, sweeping, and cleaning beds lockers, tables, lights and toilets. I also do bins, change water, use cleaning tablets. I have to put gloves and aprons on, and change them after cleaning each bay. I have to use red equipment for toilets and blue for the ward. My favourite part of the job is talking to patients, but I need to put cleaning first. It's important to keep the ward clean and keep patients well. My mentor does cleaning like me; she teaches me the best way to clean. We work in a team, and it is good. She is a good mentor."*



Sarah hard at work with her Mentor Angela



Sarah's Mentor: Angela, Cleaning Services Assistant

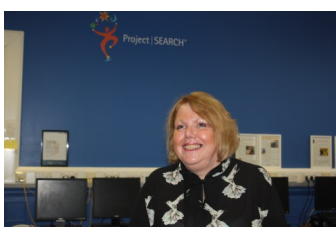
"This is my first time as a mentor and although it has had some challenges I have really enjoyed it and wouldn't hesitate to be a mentor for another intern from the next rotation. It has been rewarding watching Sarah and some of the other interns who come to the ward to do other jobs. They have developed within a short time."

Project SEARCH Team Update

Over the summer we have seen some changes to the team as Ali Sholi stepped up to a leadership role back at Southfield School where he is still involved behind the scenes. Here's a brief introduction to our role changes and latest recruit:

Bryony Dolby: Project SEARCH Coordinator

"Over the summer I changed roles on Project SEARCH from being a Job Coach to being the Coordinator. My job involves teaching work related skills in our base room and supporting interns in the work place to learn new roles. It also involves a lot of planning, paperwork, and meetings to organise rotations and help get interns ready for paid employment. I love my job: I do different things every day and work with a huge variety of people, organisations and departments. The best part of the job is finding out when an intern has earned themselves a paid job!"



Anne Whitaker: Job Coach at Project SEARCH

"I have been a personal development coach for several years and I feel this is a fantastic privilege to be part of this forward thinking project. I feel everyone has the right to work and giving young adults this opportunity to have work experience within a professional organisation will help them have the confidence and ability to go forward and sustain employment."

Ben takes it to the next level!

Huge congratulations to Ben, a Project SEARCH 2014-15 graduate, who has recently interviewed for, and was successful in being offered a new job at Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. This will be a promotion Ben, who has been with the organisation since he graduated in 2015.



"I was working as Data Improvement Officer and have learned a lot during my time within that role. A mixture of data inputting along side different sides to work, different files etc. and working along side new colleagues which really has helped my confidence double. As for my new job I will be working in a position I was once an intern in known as the IT Service Desk as an IT Service Desk Analyst. When I was offered the job I was over the moon and really excited and happy. Informatics and IT as a whole has always been my strongest point and to have been able to go through the interview phase to get to my dream job really made my day, I was completely happy and still am at the same time I was also shocked."

Darren Harris-Dorman, Ben's first Mentor said: "We knew of Ben's dreams from the moment he came to us on his first placement as an intern, at the time they were just a dream. We've watched him grow and develop into the young man he is today; to see his dreams come true has been a great delight to many who have met him, a true success through hard work and dedication."

Project SEARCH Open House Information Evening

A reminder that on Wednesday 7th December at 6pm we are offering an opportunity for potential interns and their families to find out more about Project SEARCH at our Open House Information Evening. At the event visitors will be able to get information about the project, meet the Tutor and Job Coaches and find out about the employers who provide placements. Application packs for the September 2017 intake will also be available at the event. The deadline for applications is Friday 13th January 2017. To find out more or request an application pack call 01274 383867 or email projectsearch@bthft.nhs.uk

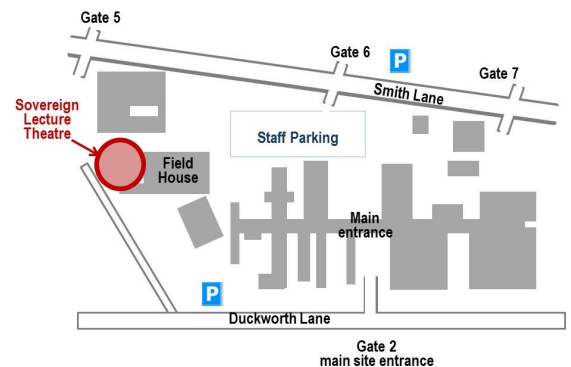
Open House Information Evening

Wednesday 7th December 2016

6.00pm to 7.15pm

Sovereign Lecture Theatre, Bradford Royal Infirmary

Duckworth Lane, Bradford, BD9 6RJ



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