

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.

Brilliant Ben, our hero!



Lorraine Cameron, Head of Equality and Diversity and Clive Kay present Ben with his Brilliant Bradford award.

Project SEARCH Graduate Ben Martin recognized at city awards evening

Only a couple of years ago, Ben featured in this update for the first time as a Southfield School student turned Project SEARCH intern. Since then, he has become a bit of a regular as one of our many success stories. Ben graduated into employment following a highly successful job placement as a Data Improvement Officer at BTHFT's IT department. Since then, Ben has had a promotion to the role of Service Desk Analyst and continues to be a highly effective member of the team. His hard work was recognized before Christmas at BTHFT Brilliant Bradford Awards, where he was presented the Unsung Hero Award for his work during the EPR (Electronic Patient Record) system being implemented. Congratulations Ben, what a fantastic achievement!



Aidan is growing in confidence at St Luke's Hospital

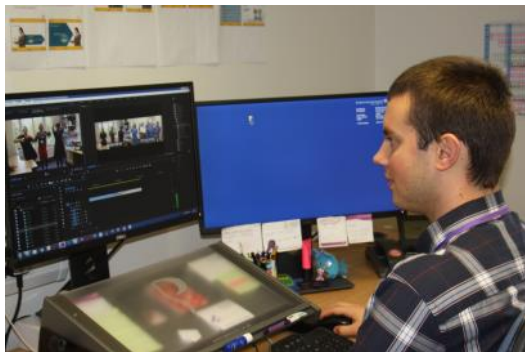
"I feel that my second rotation is going well, I'm in the extension block at St. Luke's, generally doing administration work i.e. filing, collecting and distributing the post within the building to doctors, secretaries and consultants. It is very different from my first rotation as I'm going straight to St Luke's from home in a morning and having to ring Project SEARCH base room to let them know I've arrived for work. In the afternoon I then get the shuttle bus back to BRI to complete my written work in the Base Room. I feel that my confidence has improved a lot during this rotation."

"Aidan joined the Paediatrics Team at St Luke Hospital in January 2018. Aidan is very supportive and always willing to learn new tasks. Aidan is always on time and he is doing an excellent job supporting our team. We are very happy to have him as part of our team."

Zsanett Kowal (Aidan's mentor)



Connor is learning skills in Finance at BRI



“My rotation is carried out in different rooms and involves different roles within the department. One of my tasks is checking outstanding invoices (aged debts) and to send letters out to these companies asking them to settle their invoices. I feel that I am learning more skills and that my confidence has improved a lot.”



“Connor has allowed us the opportunity to finally do a few jobs which have been sat on people’s ‘To Do Lists’ for far too long and have never got quite high enough up the list because they require a chunk of time or peace and quiet or indeed both in order for them to be completed. Connor has worked his way through this work quietly and methodically and produced the outputs we needed – 100% of the time and a lot quicker than we expected. Everyone he has done work for so far is delighted with his approach, the final product and the quality of what he has produced.”

Jacqui Griffin, Connor’s Mentor



Aidan returns to tell his story

Graduate, Aidan Knights returned to Project SEARCH to talk to our Business Advisory Committee about his experiences during and since his time with us. Aidan worked as a Ward Hospitality Assistant, then in M&S, and finally in the catering team at the University of Bradford. Following this, Aidan was successful at an interview for a job with M&S. In January he even began working in a second job at a pub in Cottingley as a Kitchen Porter.

Aidan is really enjoying both of his jobs. Recently a mystery shopper visited M&S, and was looked after by Aidan. He scored 100% and won a prize for his customer service skills. It was wonderful to hear Aidan speak with such confidence about his enjoyment of life in employment.



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