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What is it?

Project SEARCH Bradford is a partnership between Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust (BTHFT), 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 disabilities leading to gaining skills necessary for employment.

Welcome New Interns!

We welcomed our sixth cohort of interns to Project SEARCH Bradford in September 2018. After a couple of weeks induction, where interns completed training in fire safety, equality and diversity, manual handling, information governance, infection control and safeguarding, interns began work in their different placements around the hospital.

Our eight interns are working in a variety of roles/departments, including administration, pharmacy, ward hospitality, cleaning services and receipt and distribution.



Alongside their placements, they have begun to complete their employability qualification, which is certified via ASDAN, during their base room sessions. In addition to this, interns are developing their role specific skills, for example by completing food hygiene qualifications, or enhancing their spreadsheet knowledge.

Interns are looking forward to developing in their current placements, and adding to their skills in two more workplaces over the course of their time on the programme.



Meet our new interns

Zohaib is working in clinical assurance. Zohaib's role is to support with audits into care settings, and undertake the 15 steps challenge, to look at the care environment and surroundings. As part of his role, he presented some of his findings at a senior meeting within the hospital.

Director of Governance and Corporate Affairs, Tanya Claridge, has told us how impressed she has been with Zohaib's work, and that *"he is a valued asset to our team, and he is proving instrumental in a vital piece of work we are doing to support the organisations compliance with regulatory standards."*

Zohaib says that he is really enjoying his role, has a very supportive team, and is learning a lot.

Dominik is working in Pharmacy Stores. His role involves storage of medicines in the stores area, and picking orders for distribution to wards. Dominik learned the system used quickly, and has been working really accurately. His mentor thinks that Dominik is a very polite young man who gets on with the job.

Dominik says: *“My rotation is going pretty well, I am enjoying it. I enjoy learning and getting to know my colleagues. I am currently working in Pharmacy Stores, it’s a bit of a hard job but I am managing to do it!”*



Ashley has begun his first placement working on Ward 18 in cleaning services. Ashley says: *“My rotation is going well so far. I am enjoying cleaning with my colleague and am learning different skills which will help me get a job.”*

Ashley’s mentor has told us that *“Ashley has been a great help since he started his placement. He has picked up the practical side of the cleaning very quickly, he is efficient and keen to undertake his duties to a high standard. He has learnt all colour coding and all the procedures needed to undertake all aspects of the cleaning he is given as requested. He is positive and helpful to me when he is with me and I’m glad to have him.”*

What’s Next? We are beginning recruitment for interns for our 2019-2020 programme with a Drop-In Information Session on December 5th 2018, 1.00pm-6.00pm. Check our website for more information.

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