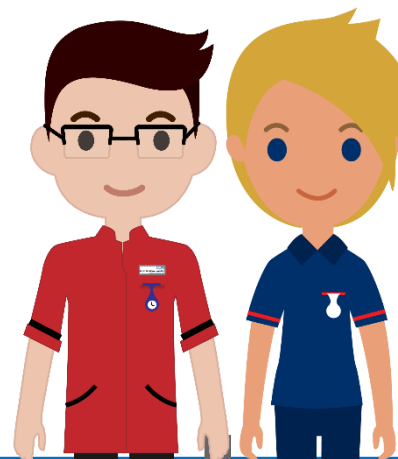


# Early Years Careers Newsletter

Term 4

Hello and welcome back to the Great Western Hospitals termly newsletter.

In this edition, we will be providing you with an update on face to face work experience, virtual work experience, upcoming events, apprenticeships and also National Careers week and National Apprenticeship week.



## Work experience:

### *Face to face:*

Unfortunately, we have no further update on the restart of face to face work experience. We are reviewing this weekly and as soon as we have an update it will be posted on the GWH work experience webpage.

## National careers week:

7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

Both our early years careers team and the apprenticeships team have a full week of with exciting events at our local schools to celebrate National Careers Week 2022.

If you would like us to attend an event of yours in the future, please contact [megan.elks@nhs.net](mailto:megan.elks@nhs.net) and [jacqueline.fawcett@nhs.net](mailto:jacqueline.fawcett@nhs.net)

## NHS cadets

From February 2022, we will be supporting the local NHS cadets. NHS Cadets is a new St John Ambulance programme created in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll meet with other NHS Cadets on a weekly basis, taking part in activities which will introduce you to a range of exciting healthcare topics. Sessions will also foster personal development and allow you to build vocational skills.

For more information please visit:  
<https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/>  
<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/young-people/nhs-cadets/nhs-cadets-join/>

## Apprenticeships -Healthcare Support Worker Level 2

The Healthcare Support Worker Level 2 apprenticeship is a great way to gain a qualification and experience within Healthcare and a great introduction to starting a Nursing career path. No previous experience is required just a keen drive to learn and develop within the workplace and role. We do request the applicant holds a GCSE in Maths and English at Grade A\*-D/ 4-9 or Functional Skills Level 1. The Level 2 qualification is equivalent to 5 GCSEs.

In this apprenticeship tasks are likely to involve: Routine clinical duties such as checking blood pressure, temperate, weight; Ensuring patients are comfortable and looking out for their wellbeing; Preparing patients for healthcare duties and assisting other healthcare members where appropriate. This may be retrieving clinical items or correctly disposing of items no longer needed; Reporting any concerns to the appropriate person; Assisting with personal care such a cleaning patients and feeding where help is required; Ensuring the area surrounding the patients are clean; Meal and refreshment duties; Any other duties that support the health and wellbeing of the patients and ensure the safety of everyone.

The course duration is 12 months for the learning elements and a further 3 months for the End Point Assessment. Upon completion a certificate is awarded for the apprenticeship which includes the recognised Customer Service Level 2 qualification.

Toward the end of the apprenticeship support will be given to apply for other positions within the organisation. There may be opportunity within the department to progress onto the Senior Healthcare Support Worker Level 3 apprenticeship however this is at the managers' discretion and we cannot guarantee this.

## Meet the Apprenticeship Team:



*Katie Banks-*  
Apprenticeship  
administrator



*Chris Massam-*  
Apprenticeship  
co-ordinator

### Find out more:

[www.gwh.nhs.uk/recruitment/join-us/apprenticeships](http://www.gwh.nhs.uk/recruitment/join-us/apprenticeships)

To get in touch with us, or to find out more about a career in the NHS, visit: <https://www.gwh.nhs.uk/>

