

Apprenticeship Case Study

Meet Apprentice Porter, Daniel Chrichton

I'm Daniel and I began my Apprenticeship in Portering a few weeks ago. I have really enjoyed my experience so far and I have learnt so much already. I am really looking forward to developing in my role and gaining new skills.

So far I have learnt how to transport various goods and furniture effectively throughout the hospital. I have also been trained in transporting patients on beds and in wheelchairs between wards, from the Accident and Emergency Department and I will also be working within the Maternity department soon. As well as transportation, I am also learning how to use an internal computer system and how to communicate well with my other team members.

There are many parts of this job that I enjoy. My favourite part is that I get to have conversations with lots of different people, but I also enjoy that I get to go to lots of different places every day and see new areas of the hospital that I have never seen before.

I originally applied to work at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust because a member of my family recommended working here and thought that this would be the perfect position for me. I really wanted a physical job and wanted to try something new to what I was doing before. I thought it would be really fun doing this role and working in a hospital.

When I first started I did find it quite hard to navigate around the hospital, especially with the abbreviations that are used, but my colleagues are very approachable and by asking them I have been able to find where I need to be more easily. Now I feel I know my way around much more than I did before.

As well as the support from my colleagues, I feel I am able to ask my supervisor any questions and I also get advice and support from the Apprenticeships Team. I am undertaking a college course as part of my Apprenticeship and it is extremely helpful that the Apprenticeships Team has arranged that the college come to the hospital to help me complete my work rather than me travel to them.

My job is different every day and it's great that I get to interact with different people on a daily basis and learn something new every day.

