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Meet the apprentice

We are introducing to you **Jane Baker**, a healthcare support worker apprentice at Great Ormond Street Hospital.

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How did you get your apprenticeship?

I was working for the British Red Cross as a First Aid Trainer for nearly 4 years before I applied for this role. I wanted a more hands-on clinical role within healthcare and ended up finding this apprenticeship on the government gateway website.

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2 Who is your training provider and what is the study model like?

My training provider is Dynamic Training, I spend 3 to 4 days a week in the hospital doing 12 hour shifts and have around one study day a month.

3 What type of things have you been doing in your off-the-job learning?

Watching surgeries, attending study days, attending on the ward training and shadowing other teams.

4 What has been the hardest part?

This job can be extremely challenging emotionally and it can be hard to separate feelings if you've become close to a patient and their family.

5 What has been the best part?

Learning so many amazing new skills and being part of such a supportive ward.

6 What do you hope to do next?

I am currently shadowing the Speech and Language Therapy team and the Physiotherapists. I'm also researching into the Physician Associate role.

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What tips do you have for people who want to do the same apprenticeship as you?

You have to show the people you are working with that you're willing to learn! You gain so much from displaying this. It's hard work so you need to be passionate about what you're doing and say yes to every opportunity.