

National Apprenticeship Week 2021

Nursing Apprenticeship Pathway



1. What is your name?

Lily O'Donnell

2. Where do you work?

I work for Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Within the hospital I work on the stroke department as a healthcare assistant.

3. Which apprenticeship are you doing and what does the study involve?

I have recently completed the Level 2 Healthcare Support Worker apprenticeship. It involves working with a medical team and developing your skills alongside other healthcare professionals and learning the theory behind the practical which you practice daily.

4. What does your job role involve?

The main part of my job involves assisting patients with personal care such as washing, dressing and toileting as well as helping with eating and drinking. During the apprenticeship you develop skills to be able to communicate effectively to patients, relatives and the rest of the medical team. My job role also involves supporting the nurses, doctors and therapists in providing the best rehabilitation for our stroke patients.

5. Why did you want to do an apprenticeship?

I started the apprenticeship at age 16. I had come straight from school and I didn't want to go to college. I was bored of classrooms I wanted to something more practical and I had always wanted to work within the hospital so this was the perfect opportunity for me and I got to earn money whilst I studied. I was hesitant at first because I was always much more academic at school so I didn't know if a course which was so practical would be right for me but I proved myself wrong and I'm so glad I chose this route.

6. What do you want to do once you qualify?

Now I have finished the apprenticeship I am currently working as a band 2 healthcare assistant and I am hoping to progress to begin my nursing degree apprenticeship this year.

