

National Apprenticeship Week 2021

Allied Health Professions Apprenticeship Pathway



1. What is your name?

Stuart Graham

2. Where do you work?

I am an Ambulance Support Worker apprentice at the North East Ambulance Service. I work on non-urgent care services.

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

I am studying the level 3 Ambulance Support Worker apprenticeship.

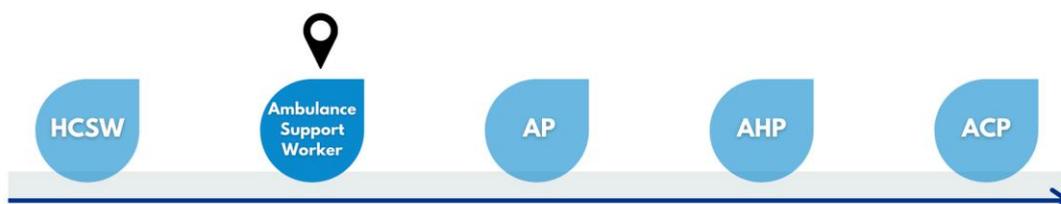
4. What does your job role involve?

In this role, myself and my crewmate are sent to jobs that ease the pressure of colleagues working on the emergency ambulances. The role is on scheduled care which includes the transportation of patients, inter-hospital transfers and some low-grade mercy work. I applied for the apprenticeship because it was very patient facing and it allowed me to build a rapport with patients and the communities that I work in. I get to spend time with patients, build connections and this allows me to develop even more skills.

5. Why did you want to do an apprenticeship?

I chose to apply for the non-urgent services apprenticeship specifically as it opens a gateway to various opportunities in the ambulance service. It also allowed me to continue my passion for working within the health sector, especially within the emergency service. Seeing that apprenticeships can now lead to some amazing roles within the service was also a selling point for me joining the North East Ambulance Service.

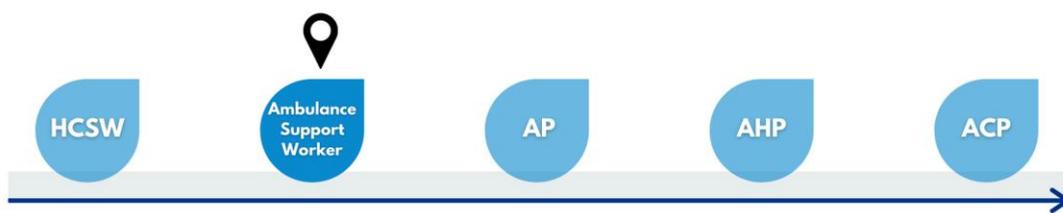
While I was applying for this apprenticeship, I had also been considering going to university to study a degree that would allow me to join the ambulance service at a higher clinical level. However, I decided against doing this as the apprenticeship is much more vocational and hands on, which is personally better for me as I am much more of a kinaesthetic learner. This route, although not at as clinical as I aspire to be, has allowed me to gain the knowledge and understanding of the Trust that I would not have gained from going to university. Personally, it has been much more beneficial to join the health sector through an apprenticeship due to the hands-on learning and the huge amount of knowledge you can get from other members of staff on the road and in the office locations.



Another passion for joining the service was that both my parent's work for the trust, and I really wanted to follow in their footsteps.

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

This apprenticeship is allowing me to develop my skills even more and hopefully will prepare me for the transition to more clinical roles in the future.



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