

GET INTO HEALTH & CARE

WORK EXPERIENCE TEAM AT THE ROYAL CORNWALL HOSPITALS TRUST SEE THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF THEIR FIRST EVER VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

To benefit year 10 students that were sadly unable to visit the Hospitals for their work experience this year due to current restrictions, the Work Experience team, also known under their new name, 'Get into Health & Care', launched their first ever Virtual Work Experience Week, which began on Monday.

Kirsty Carter, Work Experience and Engagement Officer for the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust explains: "We would normally be welcoming over 100 year 10 students to the Trust this summer to help them make informed career choices. The students would normally experience a timetable full of different speakers from different professions, workshops, and a day on a ward, so this year it had to be adapted slightly.

We put together the idea of a Virtual Work Experience Week, and with lots of help from the Communications team, 'Get into Health & Care' was able to put together a week of videos from over 30 different professionals sharing their career journeys and giving advice to the young people about what it's like to work in the NHS."

Along with the timetable, a pack of activities was sent out, along with a pack of resources too. Feedback from both Career Leads within secondary schools across Cornwall and from the students themselves has so far has been incredibly positive. Feedback on the videos from one Career Lead added: "They are amazing! What an incredible resource for the students and I will definitely be using the videos in curriculum lessons too. I can only imagine the work that went into this; it's a really incredible achievement."

"The Work Experience team would like to extend a big 'Thank you' to all of the colleagues who were either filmed, or sent in their own films for inclusion", concludes Kirsty. "All of the videos brilliantly showcase what we have to offer within our hospitals, emphasising to the young people that every day is different when you work for the NHS and that teamwork is an important aspect too. Hopefully this week will inspire the students to pursue a career in health and care later on."

If anyone knows of a young person who may benefit from the timetable and resources, please get in touch with the Work Experience team: rcht.getintohealthandcare@nhs.net