

Sandra Pierpoint Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker



Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker apprenticeship

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Senior Healthcare Support Workers help registered practitioners deliver healthcare services to people. They carry out a range of clinical and non-clinical healthcare or therapeutic tasks, under the direct or indirect supervision of the registered healthcare practitioner. They provide high quality, compassionate healthcare, following standards, policies or protocols and always acting within the limits of their competence. This role is undertaken following a period of experience in healthcare so they are able to demonstrate best practice and act as a role model.

Meet Sandra Pierpoint, a Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker apprentice working at Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust .

We spoke with Sandra about her apprenticeship journey, keep reading to find out more.



1. What apprenticeship are you studying and what does it involve?

I am studying for my Level 3 Senior Healthcare Support Worker apprenticeship. This involves attending college once a month as well as independent study, completing assignment units. Study units include topics such as safeguarding, codes of conduct and professionalism, infection and disease control, types of mental ill health.

The apprenticeship also includes shadowing days working with other colleagues within Bridgewater Trust to gain an understanding of different job roles. I recently attended a breastfeeding training course followed by shadowing in the Breastfeeding support clinic.

2. Why did you want to do the apprenticeship?

I was very keen to join the NHS and work in Children's services alongside studying for my Health and Social Care Diploma.

3. What is your current role?

My current role is Apprentice Senior Healthcare Support Worker with the 0-19 Children's Service in Halton.

I have currently been training in:

- Vision Screening in children age 4-5 years and NCMP (National Childhood Measurement Programme) with Reception and Year 6 Children
- Audiology Screening

As well as supporting the Immunisation Team with Covid-19 and Flu Vaccines.

4. How did you get into your current role?

I had previously worked in Children's Services supporting Young Carers, as well as working in education with adults and children. With my previous experience my current role as a Healthcare Support Worker in Children's Services felt like a natural fit for me and a perfect way to step into the NHS.

5. What has been your proudest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

I am proud to have supported a clinical team and worked with Asylum Seeker families at the Daresbury Hotel at the start of the apprenticeship. This was a very humbling experience to listen to the family's stories on their passage to England to escape their prior living conditions. It also gave me a chance to work as part of a team who were helping to ensure these families had both health and wellbeing support.

I am also proud to have supported the Immunisations Team with Covid-19 vaccines in High Schools in Warrington and Halton during this very challenging time with Covid-19.

6. What do you want to do once you complete your apprenticeship?

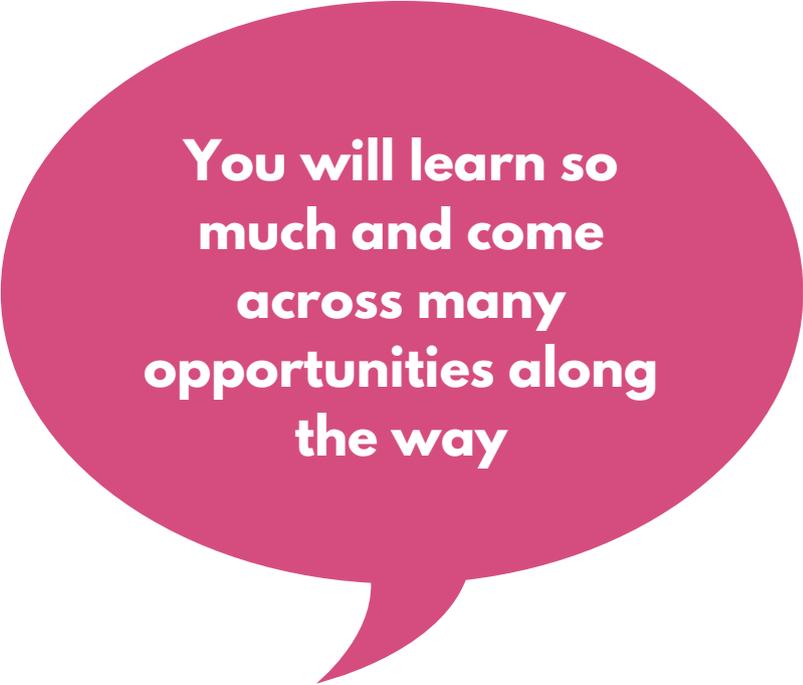
I have thoroughly enjoyed working in Primary schools and training in vision screening and NCMP (National Childhood Measurement Programme). I would like to continue with this work. I am also open to progress on to School Nursing which would require me to complete a Nursing Degree and further specialist qualification.

7. What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

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