## LEVEL 3 DENTAL NURSE APPRENTICESHIP STANDARD SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST



Charles Clifford Dental Hospital provides specialist dental services for people in Sheffield and the surrounding districts.

It is a dental teaching hospital linked to the University School of Clinical Dentistry and it is currently expanding its postgraduate and research activities.

Alongside the undergraduate training the specialist hospital has been offering a Level 3 Dental Nurse Apprenticeship role. Since the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy, the Trust has continued to recruit year on year to this successful apprenticeship programme which is delivered in partnership with The Sheffield College.

This is an 18-month programme which reflects all aspects of clinical responsibilities and duties of a Dental Nurse's role in a variety of clinical environments.

The apprenticeship provides several key benefits to the departments and to the learners. Apprentices gain new skills and knowledge, and it provides the apprentice with the relevant qualification to apply to the General Dental Council (GDC) for professional registration as a Dental Nurse. Departments find that the apprentices relieve work pressures, and they are viewed as valuable members of the team.