

DONNA MITCHELL ST MARYS GP PRACTICE



Donna Mitchell is undertaking a Level 5 Assistant Practitioner (Health) apprenticeship standard at St Mary's GP Practice.

We spoke to Donna recently about her experiences of undertaking an apprenticeship, keep reading to find out more.

What apprenticeship are you studying and what does the study involve?

I am studying the Assistant Practitioner apprenticeship. It involves studying at Level 4 in year 1 and Level 5 in year 2. Attendance is 1 week every other month from home via blackboard, second year to attend one day face to face training.

What is your current job role and how did you get into your current role?

I am currently a Healthcare Assistant. I had a successful application and interview after working previously in the hospital theatre department.

What have been the biggest challenges?

Returning to education and learning to write assignments at the age of 34 after not really doing any education after secondary school.

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

To have managed to get 65 in my written work.

[Learn more about the L5 Assistant Practitioner \(Health\) apprenticeship](https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/)

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

I would like to do further training at Level 6 in wound care. I would never rule out topping up to a nurse once my children are older too.

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?

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