

Work Experience and SEND Internships



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Work experience in Health & Social Care

Purpose

Barriers

Solutions

Main organisations in the healthcare sector

- Acute hospital trusts

These provide medical and surgical care through hospital and outpatient treatment, and other services commissioned to meet local population needs.

- Mental health trusts

They provide specialist care for people with complex and severe mental health problems.

- Ambulance trusts

They respond to 999 calls, transport patients, and provide outof-hours care in some areas.

- Community trusts

Community Trusts provide a wide range of medical, nursing and therapeutic care to prevent avoidable admission to hospital and to minimise hospital stay

Main organisations in the healthcare sector

- Primary care services

There are a range of local primary care services provided through GP practices, NHS walk-in centres, dental practices, pharmacists and opticians.

- Independent or voluntary healthcare providers

These are private sector healthcare organisations that can be contracted by the NHS to provide healthcare or work privately outside of the NHS (for example nursing homes).

Most work experience placements are available in acute trusts as they employ by far the largest number of people in the NHS. However, there are increasing opportunities in the other types of organisation, which can provide very different experiences

Work experience in Health & Social Care

Each trust in the North East has their own process for work experience:

- [North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [North East Ambulance Service NHS FT](#) - Please note that the ambulance service does not offer work experience placements

Work experience in Primary Care

- Hundreds of GP practices across the north east offering work experience in a primary care setting
- Opportunity to gain an insight into the role of a GP as well as other staff in the clinic such as nurses or allied health professionals.
- Learn how each GP clinic is run to cater for a variety of patients and illnesses.
- Information on finding work experience opportunities in primary care and have also compiled a list of [GP practices in the area who will consider taking students.](#)

Work experience in Health & Social Care

Toolkit:

[Finding Work Experience in the NHS – a guide for teachers and advisers](#)

- Refreshed version to be released in the next few months

Step into the NHS [Work Experience smartguide and stories](#) – information for young people

Health Careers [Ideas for getting experience](#), how to find opportunities and make the most of them

Volunteering

There are lots of ways in which people can volunteer for the NHS:

- committing to volunteering for a few hours each week (could be in the evenings or at weekends)
- undertaking a volunteer placement during school or college holidays
- eg: meeters and greeters, befriending

[Volunteering](#) information from NHS England

Volunteering opportunities can be found through:

- NHS Jobs
- An organisation such as Guides or Scouts
- Schemes like Duke of Edinburgh
- Specific charities or voluntary organisations
- National Citizen Service

Demonstrating the NHS Values



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Alternatives to Face to Face Work Experience

Observe GP

interactive video platform which encourages students to 'meet' different members of the team starting with the practice manager, observe consultations, and complete a reflective diary.

Patient Journey to GP Practice

Resource developed by the General Medical Council and NHS England for international doctors, but can give young people good insight into the setting.

Alternatives to Face to Face Work Experience

[Brighton and Sussex Medical School](#)

Module based virtual offer for those looking to attend any medical school

[Virtual Reality Allied Health Professionals](#)

Experience a day in the life of an AHP

Alternatives to Face to Face Work Experience

[Resource Catalogue on the NHS Learning Hub](#)

- free centralised repository to share, house and access resources, information & tools
- Created to support NHS staff to facilitate, manage and deliver work experience and online / in-person work related-learning
- **Open to staff with ac.uk & sch.uk email addresses**
- Access through the [Learning Hub](#) and search “Work Experience Resources”

Guidance on gaining experience to study medicine in the time of Covid-19 from [Medical Schools Council](#)

[Poster by Newcastle University](#) –videos and podcasts, blogs, media, remote experiences, gaining new skills

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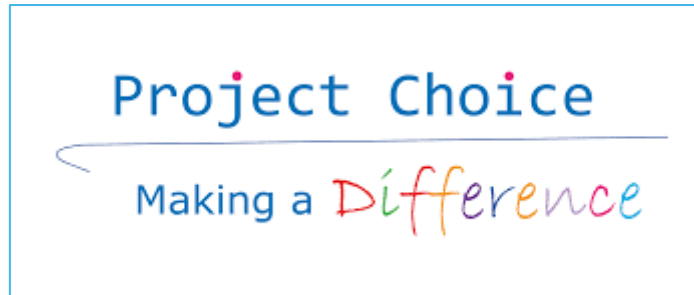


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SEND Internships



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Links:

[Information on the programme](#)

Main inbox: project.choice@hee.nhs.uk

[Online Application Form](#)