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Q. Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

When I chose to do an apprenticeship, I had been in my role for around 12 months and started looking at my options for progression. When I started my career within the NHS, almost 6 years ago, I started by doing an apprenticeship in business administration and found I enjoyed the aspect of 'learning on the job'. I have always worked from a young age and feel I personally get a greater sense of achievement this way rather than being in education full time.

Q. What are the rewards of doing an apprenticeship?

One of my concerns when researching my options for progression was that being on an 'apprenticeship wage' would not be financially suitable for me. At the time, I lived alone so this would cause me a lot of pressure. However, when researching this further I found that throughout the apprenticeship, I stay on my usual wage which is a massive help! By doing my apprenticeship I have a clear goal I am working towards and have even started planning for after my end date. Although I am only half way through my apprenticeship, I have grown (both personally and professionally) a huge amount and am much more confident in both aspects! I have had many more opportunities throughout this time and my colleagues could not be more supportive. For me personally, although it is a lot of work, envisioning the potential opportunities that could arise from completing this apprenticeship keep me motivated.

Q. Would you recommend apprenticeships to others?

If you are willing to put the extra time and work into an apprenticeship I would definitely recommend them. You definitely get out what you put into it and no matter how supportive your colleagues are, it is down to yourself to show you have learned and put into practice the relevant information. Other training/education isn't suitable for everyone, we all have different commitments but being able to work full-time whilst still getting the end qualification is a massive pressure lifted.

Q. Do you have any advice for future apprentices?

My advice to any future apprentices would be to remember that it is your responsibility to make sure you are getting everything out of this opportunity. One thing I learned very early on in this journey was that if you are not sure on anything to ask. It is much more beneficial to everyone, especially yourself in the long run, if you get clarification on things you are not sure on. None of us know the answer all the time and the only way we learn is to ask; there will come a point where people are asking you the same questions and it is important to be able to give the correct answers.

Q. What are your future plans?

I am due to finish my apprenticeship in November 2022 and hope to put all the skills I have learned to good use in a future role. I have not yet fully decided on what role I would like after finishing my apprenticeship but I am excited to look at my options and find a role suitable for me.

