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Job role: Tissue Bank Co-ordinator

Apprenticeship: Level 2 Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities (QCF)

Completed: July 2016

How did you get into your current career?

Pathology is always forgotten about in a hospital, I've always wanted to give something back to the NHS and work alongside or closely with research. While I was a sixth form I was looking for apprenticeships and various different jobs at many different hospitals. When looking on NHS jobs I came across the laboratory apprenticeship at Papworth hospital. So I read up about the apprenticeship and it sounded very interesting and something that I would enjoy.

When completing my apprenticeship at Papworth I was very lucky that I was able to go around all of the different departments. It gave me a great insight to how pathology works. I was most interested in research, so when getting my time in Tissue Bank I loved it. I was very lucky to get a job in Tissue Bank and work with such a great team.

Why did you decide to sign up for an apprenticeship? What did you enjoy about the course, what didn't you enjoy and what did you find challenging?

At the time of doing my A levels I decided that I didn't want to go to university straight after sixth form, however I wanted to start a career in something I enjoyed.

Enjoyed – I enjoyed getting to work with so many great people within various different departments. I also enjoyed doing the work based assignments, as it gave me a better understanding of the specimen process.

Did not enjoy – one aspect that I didn't enjoy so much was that I didn't get visited as much as I felt was necessary for the course.

How has your apprenticeship helped you develop in your role? Did you develop any new skills?

While doing my apprenticeship I gained many new skills that were required for my current job role. However since getting the job I have continued to gain lots of new skills, such as working on projects closely with researchers.

Do you have any further professional development activities/qualifications planned?

I would be interested in doing the next level apprenticeship.

What advice would you give to someone considering an apprenticeship in your area of work?

The first thing I would say to anyone would be 'give it a go'. It gives you great opportunities to gain a wealth of knowledge within your work place.