



Project Choice
Making a **Difference**

HEE Project Choice in Gateshead NHS Trust

From beginnings in 2010



Gateshead Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Disability champion in Pathology

- ▶ Met Work Experience co-ordinator - Gary Reed
- ▶ Visited microbiology in Sunderland Royal with their students
- ▶ Mentor training
- ▶ Student - Charlotte (Gateshead college, also Dryden Road students)
- ▶ Half day per week in term time
- ▶ Plan for the day and complete a Work experience diary



Opportunities



- ▶ NHS Trust - Pathology, Headquarters, Equality, Education
- ▶ North-East Ambulance
- ▶ Northumbria Police
- ▶ Grundfos
- ▶ Hetton Pool



Celebration



- ▶ Benefits to all students, mentors and staff
- ▶ Aware of increase in confidence in the students
- ▶ Certificate ceremony
- ▶ End of Year Summer Prom and Presentations
- ▶ British Sign Language Performance, You Raise me up and Supercalifragilistic!



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- ▶ Stage 1:
- ▶ Student attends half day per week in term time and usually lasts 6 weeks. This is rolled out across the year.
- ▶ Stage 2:
- ▶ Year long internship, up to 4 days work experience - we can be flexible to meet department needs , 1 day in college for English and Maths
- ▶ Stage 3:
- ▶ Apprenticeship and/or job/volunteering or further education
- ▶ HEE Project Choice support from our Team (Area Manager, Coordinator, and Work experience lead etc)



What happened in Gateshead?

- ▶ More mentors volunteered
- ▶ Students in each Pathology department and many areas of the Trust
- ▶ Had Charlotte, Thomas, Emma and Scott as students in microbiology
- ▶ HEE Project Choice supported in many areas of the Trust
- ▶ Laura Kane hosting Students awards on 21st July 2022
- ▶ Jess employed as Biomedical Support Worker in Microbiology

What's happening now?



- ▶ 50 students in the Trust as part of Project Choice
- ▶ Laura Kane - Health Education England supporting HEE Project Choice
- ▶ Student mentor training
- ▶ Hoping for Stage 2 - Internships for Students in the Trust
- ▶ Student awards ceremony 21st July 2022
- ▶ Student employed with QE Facilities Transport team, Washington Spire



Support in QEH

- ▶ D-ability forum - Awareness days with stands in the Trust canteen and videos of experiences on Trust website
- ▶ Excellent Equality and diversity training - Kuldip
- ▶ Wonderful Health and Wellbeing Team - Dale
- ▶ HEE Project Choice - Laura (Health Education England)



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