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Supporting L6 PHP Apprenticeship Placement

The two level 6 Public Health Practitioner apprentices from UKHSA were recently started their placements at two different local authorities within the region.

As their roles are primarily focused on health protection, the module content served as guide to securing for placement opportunities for them.

The two apprentices are currently on a 6-week placement, with one requiring a number of face to face contact whilst the other is primarily a virtual placement.

Learning outcomes for the semester shared by the apprentices was shared with project leads to help them support the apprentices. See attached (Attachment 1) if you do not have it.

The apprentices were also advised to consider chronicling their experiences by either writing a report for both the project and their portfolio and seek the opportunity to present their learning to the team or wider audience they are working with.

In a conversation with another L6 apprentice chronicling their experiences through reflective writing, a senior colleague advised they considered using either [Gibbs](#)' or [Kolb's](#) reflective model as a guide.

Both apprentices are excited about the opportunities given them and are hopeful of the outcome.

Resources for Mentoring

This informative page written by Health Education England (HEE) briefly touches on what it is like to mentor. Unionlearn's writeup corroborates this post on mentoring apprentices.

In 2014, Unionlearn published this resource on the types of mentoring and how it differs from line management, supervision and coaching.

Lastly, the news sections of the Skills for Health website (designed by HEE) is a great resource for apprenticeship and mentoring updates.

This site also regularly posts stories of mentoring experiences from other health fields. The most recent post is Marlene Matthew's story. Read more stories here.

As we discuss resources available to mentors, the University of Sunderland's mentoring training is still open for all who want to gain knowledge about mentoring. Find out more about this in the attached (Attachment 2)

For anyone requiring support in completing the application form, please contact sara.jolly@sunderland.ac.uk.

News Updates
Highlights from recent UoS' Strategic Meeting

Starting on a positive note, Dr Shajee Hussain, the academic lead for Sunderland's L6 PHP apprenticeship program informed us that all apprentices passed their first semester assignments.

A key point briefly touched on was on attendance. As moving from online session to face to face sessions was overwhelmingly supported by the feedback from last semester, the university has indicated that there currently are regular absentees at face to face meetings.

It was suggested that the possibility of this could be because the teaching sessions are recorded. They have advised they will be taking this up at tripartite meetings which will start soon.

Another thing mentioned at the meeting was the introduction of operational meetings to.

In contrast to mentor training which gives the underpinning knowledge of mentoring, operational meetings are proposed to support the day to day mentoring activities of apprentices.

The first operational meeting will be on Friday 29th April 2022.

See attached (Attachment 3) minutes from the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Ensuring Quality of Apprenticeship Training Provision: An Employer's Role	University of Sunderland Operational Meeting
Agenda: This event will host Lucy Hunte from Health Education England to discuss how employers can ensure quality training provision.	**Agenda:** This meeting discusses daily challenges of mentoring and specifically geared towards the Level 6 Public Health Practitioner apprenticeship
Monday 25th April 10.00am to 11.30am	Friday 29th April 2022 10.30am to 11.30am
[Click here to join]().	[Click here to join]()

Useful Links

[L6 PHP Job Description example](#)

[L6-PHP Apprenticeship Video](#)

[L6-PHP Implementation Guidance](#)

[Employing an apprentice](#)

[Apprenticeships funding rules for employers](#)

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