

MY Project SEARCH NEWSLETTER

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MY Project SEARCH launch!

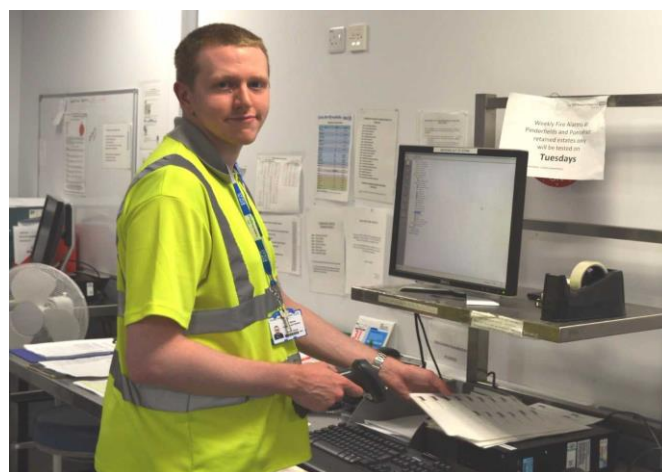
Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust Project SEARCH was launched at Pinderfields Hospital on Monday 4 September 2017. The six young people with learning difficulties have been warmly welcomed by everyone and have settled in extremely well. Project SEARCH is a programme designed to help young people gain employment by giving them experience of work via a supported internship programme. So far the interns have been working in Porterage, Pharmacy, Recruitment, Ward 18, HSDU, and Facilities.



Striving for excellence

Joe goes from strength to strength...

Joe has been working in HSDU Sterile Services since early September. Supported by mentors in the Case Cart team Joe quickly acquired the skills needed to prepare surgical instruments and transport them to the operating theatres. This is a critical role, ensuring that the correct instrument packs are delivered to the correct theatre at the correct time! Joe is naturally diligent, has great attention to detail, and is committed to doing the job right, skills which make him ideally suited to working in HSDU. Not content with Case Cart, Joe has recently started preparing podiatry packs for distribution as well!



Team of the Week

The Project SEARCH team was recently awarded MY Team of the Week; the certificate was nice, and the chocolates even nicer! To be recognised as making a valuable contribution to the Trust is so important to the team. All six interns have been on time for work every day since the programme started and are showing great commitment to their different duties around the Pinderfields site.

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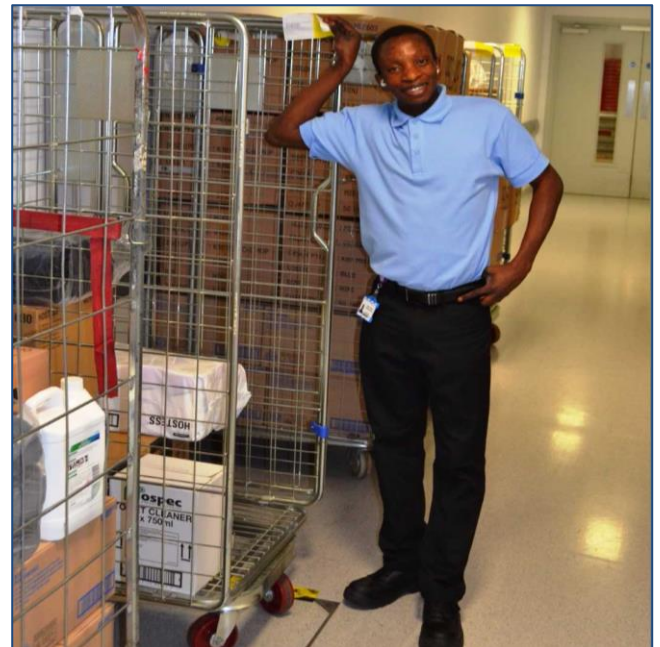


Food Safety Level 2 Award

As well as working hard around the hospital, some of the interns are also accessing training opportunities to gain valuable knowledge and qualifications. Above Luke, Joe, Liam, and Emily are studying for their Level 2 Food Safety award, a necessary qualification for many departments in the hospital where workers are preparing or serving food. James Charlton from Engie is doing a great job of delivering the training and preparing the interns for the examination which they will sit in the New Year. Did you know that the temperature danger zone where bacteria can multiply on food is between 5 degrees C and 63 degrees C?

Godspower Nnamdi

Godspower has been working in the non-patient portering department and has impressed everyone with his fitness levels and work ethic! Godspower has profound hearing loss and is currently learning British Sign Language. BSL lessons are taking place on a weekly basis in the training room both for the interns as well as Godspower's work colleagues. Being able to communicate with Godspower will greatly improve his chances of employment.



Meet the support team



Our staff team consists of Dave Brady (Class Tutor), (pictured middle), Marcia Haigh (Job Coach) and Stephen Hicks (Classroom Support and BSL Support for Godspower). Project SEARCH is a collaborative programme which relies on the active support from parents and carers, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust staff, Hft, as well as Wakefield's education providers, and in particular Highfield School. A big thank you to everyone who is contributing to the success of MY Project SEARCH!



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