

Project Choice

Hello, my name is Ross Fenwick but you can call me Ross I am currently 21 years of age and I'm from West Allotment.

Okay, now that the introductions are out of the way you are probably thinking why Project Choice Ross? what made you choose to join Project Choice well it's simple really I chose to join for many reasons but three key words stand out in my head right now I saw the opportunity to **Evolve, Improve and to Gain**. Those words will make much more sense later on as you read this. One of the main reasons I joined Project Choice was just to do something new, to meet and make new friends along the course of the internship and just something that's worth my time. I also thought it'll look **GREAT** on my **CV** so that's why I chose to join Project Choice for the experience and for the social interaction with classmates and work colleagues.

So far, I've done two placements as you are currently reading this and as I'm typing this my second placement is most likely going to be my last placement, because I'm heading towards the end of the internship.

My first placement was in Supplies, I joined Mark Strikers team working alongside Sam Parker and Phil Boyle, so what did I learn and what skills did I gain? With the support and help of Mark's team, I gained many new skills, he said "his goal was for me to work as independently as possible" but that was going to take time so in order for me to get this part. I need to take you back to November, I was first working at Walkergate Park with Phil on a Tuesday and a Thursday, Mark and Phil showed me how to use the Scanner on the first Thursday. It was incredibly important that we did all those scans to keep the level of products topped up, because the nursing staff and the domestic staff relied on the supplies for all their products. Put a ways on Tuesdays were really fun I learnt a lot from putting away, I learnt the importance of stock rotation and how to group key so every Thursday as I used the scanner it would be in perfect alignment with the group key working from left to right.

As I progressed Mark gave me more responsibilities, he also gave me another day to work, as he wanted me to work with his team at St Nicks Hospital to do a mixture of what I was doing at Walkergate Park, putting away and scanning on the same day. I mainly worked with Sam on a Monday, helping each other to put away a mixture of medical products, food products, domestic products and stationery products. As months went by Mark gave me the sole responsibility of taking care of Ashgrove and St Nicks house on my own so I'd work three days one day at St Nick's where I'd start at 10:30am till 15:30pm (Monday) and two days at Walkergate Park where I'd start from 08:30am till 12:30am working with Sam or Phil

From May I have started working with the porters I have only started within the last two weeks.

It's been good having a mentor because they are there for advice and assistance if you need their help and also they're good to talk too plus they help you out if you're struggling.

My plans after the internship is over is to hopefully gain full time employment as of last Friday morning I'm currently waiting for an interview that is on the 13th of June at half one it's for a Porters role at the new Hospital in Cramlington.

Project Choice has given me the Opportunity to evolve my skills, my work ethic and it has also giving me a platform to improve some of my skills and qualities. The most importantt thing of all what Project Choice has done for me is it has allowed me to gain the experience that cannot be replaced it has taken me from being a shy person to being one of the chafiest persons on the course it's helped me more then words can explain.