

James' Internship Success Story



James recently completed the Supported Internship Programme hosted at Wythenshawe Hospital which is delivered in partnership between MFT, Pure Innovations and The Manchester College. James was a part of a group of 10 interns who undertook a placements in a variety of departments and roles over the academic year to gain key insight and employment skills.

James has autism and had recently left college when he found out about the programme which he saw as a positive step for him rather than a return to full time education. James has worked in a number of departments across the hospital and has found that he enjoys working with older patients and some who may be showing signs of dementia.

James has enjoyed getting to know the patients and hearing their stories as he is a good listener. He's also enjoyed working in Wythenshawe Hospital and often lets colleagues and patients know that he was born "exactly here". He feels that his time on the programme has helped raise his self-esteem leaving him feeling less anxious and more confident about his abilities.

What's next for James?

James has successfully gained employment with the Autistic Society for Greater Manchester where he will be working as a Support Worker with younger people. James started work in late 2018 alongside completing his internship. He's not afraid of a challenge and plans to climb Mount Snowdon this summer.



Lisa Crank - Pure Innovations Employment Officer

"We've seen a huge change in James since he started the Supported Internship, he's grown in confidence, become more relaxed within his placement as an activities coordinator and developed really good relationships with the patients and staff on the complex health wards.

James has a bright future ahead as a support worker at ASGMA – Autistic Society for the Greater Manchester."