

Mollie, Practice Nurse

My name is Mollie, I am a newly qualified Practice Nurse and I work at North Down Surgery in Margate, Kent.



What learning path did you choose?

I started at the Surgery when I was 18 years old, as an apprentice undertaking my Level 2 Health & Social Care and I really enjoyed it. The practice later gave me the opportunity to apply for a Nursing Degree via Health Education England Kent Surrey Sussex (HEE) and the Training Hub.

Why did you choose this type of learning?

I am more of a hands-on learner and really wanted the patient experience rather than just the academic side. With my Apprenticeship and Nurse Degree, I got both, I got to mix with the patients and staff but also manage to complete my qualification.

What were the highlights?

So the best highlight for me was working in a really good team, they all supported me really well in growing my confidence and skills in providing care for the patients and their families.

What were the challenges?

The main challenge for me was finding time out of practice to undertake my academic work and study. However being in a very good, supportive environment, they allowed me some extra time to go through all my modules and tasks that I needed doing.

What did the on-the-job learning involve?

I was able to run my own clinics, doing things like Phlebotomy, ECGs, Health Checks, with a qualified nurse there to help me if I needed any support or advice. In running my own clinics I was able to improve my confidence, in communication and time management.

What role did the practice play?

The practice has been very very good to me. They put me forward for all my training, for my nursing and I've just qualified there. They've supported me all the way through.

What would you say to anyone considering an Apprenticeship?

I would say do it, take the opportunity, especially in Primary Care. It's a small, close, supportive team who will encourage you to progress however far you want to go.

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