

# The opportunities in hospital careers are eye opening.



**AT A GLANCE**  
 Project SEARCH Derby offers opportunities to young people to provide them with transferable work skills over a 1 year programme. Working with a Job Coach through DEBP, they will identify what route they will take post internship.

**The importance of placement matching:**  
 Prior to starting at Project SEARCH my goal was to become a nurse. During the induction to the programme, which lasts about 4 weeks I worked closely with the on-site staff and we identified that my current skills and interests would be well matched to a ward role. This would help me get an insight into the clinical environment where I would be communicating with various medical professionals.



“Through gaining real life work experience on a ward it made me realise that my skill set was best suited to a different environment and job role.”

This highlights the importance of interns gaining a broad range of placements so they can made an informed decision about their next career steps.

“To give me a diverse range of employability skills I spoke to my Job Coach about placing me in a non patient facing role, this gave me an understanding of the equal importance of the non clinical roles in the hospital, something I was not aware of before starting the programme.

In my second placement I was placed in a Back Of House Catering role (BOHC) I enjoyed the aspect of the methodical tasks such as preparing meals for patients in a timely manner. I am proud that I can maintain a consistent high standard, as expected from my team within ISS.

I look forward to completing the internship to see where in the world of work it takes me.”