

Feeling work ready, by James.



AT A GLANCE

“Project SEARCH is a supported internship to create or develop transferable work skills through the academic year”

Pre Project SEARCH:

“When I was in year 11, I didn’t know much about Project SEARCH Derby. However, in my final year at Horizons 6th Form, I started exploring my options for future employment. Project SEARCH was one of the options I considered. After I visited the programme a few times and participating in an assessment day, I was accepted and officially started my journey in September 2022”.

James’ first placement was matched with Medical Records where he soon began to develop his social skills. His mentor said, “James was a fully trusted member of the team and no supervision was needed”. James’ exemplary skills placed him well for rotation two.



Placement two:

“My second placement is in the Portering team, I started with the back of house roles, such as delivering Oxygen & mattresses to the wards. Within 3 weeks I moved into Patient Portering as this was an area I had identified I wanted to work in. So, in March, that plan began to take place. I enjoy the role of being a theatre porter. From the unique and varied tasks, the theatre staff and of course the immediate team within portering. During my Employment Planning Meeting it was discussed that I would start a work trial within the ISS Theatre Portering team.

Project SEARCH was the major boost I needed to gain the confidence, social and independence skills to the point I’m currently at now and I can not thank the team enough for this opportunity”.

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