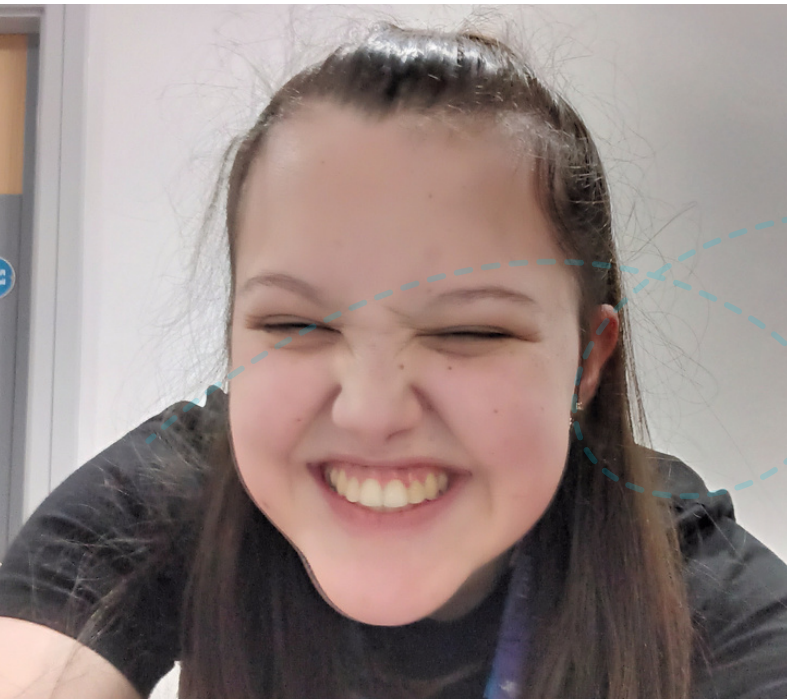


Annie's Case Study



Where were you before your Supported Internship?

"Before I started Project SEARCH, I wasn't sure what was to come in the future, I was vulnerable, scared and lacking in confidence but it wasn't long until I was beaming with confidence on my new placements. I didn't expect the Supported Internship to have such a positive effect, not only on my skills and employability, but it has had an effect on every aspect of my life. I am now thriving in life, I have been offered a really good job, I passed my driving theory test and I have completed my course."

Where have you worked and what have you learnt?

"I have worked on the Portering team, Day Surgery Unit, Urology and Surgical Unit then my final placement was as a Theatre Porter. I have learnt so many things such as patient safety, patient confidentiality, talking to the patients, manual handling, professional behaviour in the workplace, patient care and many more skills."



What do your Family/Support Network think about your progress this year?

"My support network and family say I have changed massively, and they say that they couldn't be prouder of me for accomplishing so much after being in a really vulnerable position last year. They see a different side in me now and see how I now have such a positive attitude towards things."



Where are you now and what is your 5 year plan?

"I have started learning to drive, passed my theory test and have booked my first practical driving test for September and I'm saving up to buy my first car. I have been offered a full time job as a Clinical Support Worker in Royal Lancaster Infirmary's Emergency Department and currently work part time at Booths. In 5 years time I see myself learning more skills and improving massively with my job as a CSW, looking at progressing within the NHS. I see myself driving, living independently, and I also hope to be in a loving relationship."

How do you feel about your EHCP closing?

"I feel so pleased that it has closed and that it is all over. I don't need the extra support anymore which is fantastic, and my last review was the best review out of them all. I have improved in every aspect of my life."

What's your advice to a young person thinking of doing a Supported Internship?

"DO IT !!!! It's the best thing you'll ever do."

