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This week is national apprenticeship week, celebrating apprenticeships and recognising the positive affect it has had, influencing and encouraging young individuals, companies and organisations.

Health Education North Central and East London are working with providers around supporting apprenticeships, with the aim to double the number of apprenticeships in healthcare in our area. This gives us a fantastic opportunity to offer apprenticeships to our local communities, to widen their participation in the health care workforce and enhance the talent pools on which we depend for excellent health care services. To encourage organisations within our patch to include apprentices in to their teams, we are helping them by introducing employer tool kits and investing workforce development funds to expand the number of apprentices and to get new schemes up and running.

At HE NCEL, we have introduced apprentices in to our own workforce placing them in the Workforce Development and Stakeholder Engagement teams. Chlorice Mendes-Cotman joined us in June 2014 supporting the Stakeholder Engagement team by helping with tasks such as tweeting, booking venues and maintaining important contact spread sheets. Whilst working with HE NCEL, Chlorice has also been attending college one day a week in order to obtain a qualification in Business Administration Level 3. Chlorice commented:

I started my apprenticeship in June 2014 and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I have learnt new skills and developed existing ones with the help and support of my colleagues within HE NCEL. Working within this organisation has influenced and encouraged me to achieve my ambition of becoming a midwife and will therefore be applying to university this year. I have received valuable information and skills so far from the multi professional team at HE NCEL and look forward to continuing a career within the NHS.

If you want more information on what HE NCEL are doing for apprentices in our patch then check our website for more information.
Additionally, if you would like to know more information on National Apprenticeship week and ways in which you can get involved then please click here.


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[5] https://www.hee.nhs.uk/about
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