

Widening access to NHS opportunities: playing our part

We're proud to support the NHS in England to widen access and participation by adapting and developing accessible employment, education and training routes including apprenticeships, volunteering and widening access and participation programmes.



Here's what we've delivered so far:



- Supported **more than 500 students with learning disabilities** through internship courses via Project Choice, a college we fund. Students have achieved an average **92% course completion** and **84% success rate into paid employment**.
- Continued to work with employers, training providers and others, to **deliver over 100,000 NHS apprenticeship starts**.

- **Supported around 3,500 students** through our access to medicine and the professions programmes, resulting in **80% going on to study medicine, allied health professions, and life science, undergraduate degrees**.

- Continued to work in partnership with the **Prince's Trust** to deliver an employability programme. **Over 1,700 young people**, aged 16-30, have been offered jobs, with **over 1,300 gaining employment** within the health and care sector.



Prince's Trust

- **Reached 442 long term unemployed and marginalised individuals** through our Step into Work programme – with **54% recorded completions**, leading to a further **41% progressing into health and social care employment** at four weeks post-programme.



- **Created new apprenticeships** in areas such as mammography, physiotherapy, podiatry and occupational therapy.

Winner of Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Apprenticeships (employer category) in the 2021 Annual Apprenticeship Awards.



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