

Supported Internships at Heartlands Hospital, Birmingham

A transition to work programme for young people with an Education, Health and Care Plan

What is DFN Project SEARCH?

DFN Project SEARCH is a one-year supported internship programme for students with special educational needs.

Students complete their internship in a real workplace with the support of a job coach and department mentor.

Interns also attend daily classroom sessions that focus on employability and independent living skills. These sessions are delivered onsite at the host business.

The programme helps young people to successfully transition into adult life and ultimately gain full-time, paid employment.

A typical day includes:

9:00 to 10:00: Classroom learning focused on employability skills.

10:00 to 15:30: Interns go to work in their placements, supported by a job coach.

15:30 to 16:00: Classroom time to reflect on the day's activities.

What do I get out of the programme?

- Training experiences in a real workplace
- Marketable job skills
- Increased independence, confidence
- Individualised coaching and daily feedback
- Development of soft skills e.g., financial literacy
- Placements will be based in different departments across Heartlands Hospital

"I have become more independent since I started DFN Project SEARCH."

Who is it for?

Applicants should:

- Have a current Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Be 17-24 years old
- Be a resident of Birmingham City Council
- Have the desire and motivation to achieve paid employment
- Be able to travel independently or willing to learn independent travel skills

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