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I began my journey within the NHS as a finance trainee in September 2022 working at West London NHS Trust. This was part of my placement year at university whilst studying for my degree in Finance. I am now currently working as a Band 6 Systems and Financial Analyst and would enjoy to share a bit more about my journey below.

During part of my trainee contract, I worked within the management accounting department for Local Services, and then moved to working with the financial analysis team, whilst also gaining exposure in the Agreement of Balances exercise with the Heads of Finance. This gave me practical experience of a broad range of tasks as well as knowledge of the services. Building up professional relationships and embedding myself within the Finance team. During my training development I was able to support a management accountant within my team with a side project for Improvement initiative to implement video tutorials explaining financial concepts within the trust. This was shortlisted for an award during the London Annual Awards 2023.

What I enjoy about working with in the Finance team is the working relationships and the opportunity for development and growth. If you are willing to get involved the Trust will gladly support this.

I was successfully appointed into the finance Systems analysis team part time in October 2023. With the trust's help, I am able to continue helping with processes that allow for month end to close smoothly and finish my degree in accounting and finance simultaneously. The trust has further provided help for me to perform my work at the highest standard by allowing for flexibility, as I mostly work from home now to help with juggling these responsibilities. I have a good working relationship with my manager and the rest of the Finance team.

I look forward to the future and seeing where my development progresses too within the Trust.