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CAREER JOURNEY

My journey in Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CWFT) started in August 2022 as a Treasury and Systems Trainee through the Student Placement Scheme. Currently, I am employed as a full-time Band 5 Systems and Treasury Accountant at CWFT while completing the final year of my Accounting and Finance Course at LSBU.

As a trainee, I worked for two departments within the Financial Operations team: Finance Systems and Treasury. Whilst assisting the Treasury department, I also provided support to the Cashiers department when required. Within the Treasury department, I engaged with the Accounts Payable (AP) and Accounts Receivable (AR) departments, gaining a broader perspective of the financial operations within the Trust and developing professional relationships with colleagues from different departments. Throughout the placement year, I assisted the Treasury Manager in tasks such as preparing journals, managing cash flow forecasts, and conducting reconciliations. In the Finance Systems department, my responsibilities included managing the Chart of Accounts, amending user profiles in the Advanced System and responding to daily email queries.

From an educational and experience standpoint, the placement year was exceptionally beneficial, providing me with crucial insights into the field of accounting. I am confident that this experience has adequately equipped me for my current role. I am fortunate to be part of an exceptionally supportive team that not only encouraged me throughout the year but also encouraged me to use my own initiative when necessary.

Following successful interviews, I commenced my full-time position in September 2023. My decision was driven by the promising opportunities I identified for my professional growth within the Trust, the desire to continue collaborating with outstanding colleagues, and the attractive benefits included in the job role. The new role provides me with sufficient flexibility, allowing me to concurrently pursue my studies with the aim of completing my degree this year.

There is still a long journey ahead, and I recognise that there is much to learn throughout my career. However, I believe that the first step is done and it is in the right direction.