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CAREER PATH

I started my first apprenticeship with LSCFT in October 2018, I began studying my level 2 AAT whilst working within Financial Services. As my apprenticeship progressed I moved onto working within Management Accounts and started studying my level 3 AAT. After I had completed my first apprenticeship I gained a permanent role within the trust as a Senior Finance Assistant within Management Accounts and moved onto starting my level 4 apprenticeship. Since starting my level 4 apprenticeship I have gained a new role as a Finance Business Partner Assistant and I have now completed my CIMA Certificate level. I have now started my level 7 apprenticeship and I am currently doing my exams for Operational level CIMA. Throughout my time at LSCFT I have been supported throughout both my apprenticeships and gained so much experience.

When choosing my career I knew I wanted to do something with Finance as I enjoyed maths and I also knew I didn't want to go to university. When I was in my second year at college I started to apply for different apprenticeships I didn't really think about the NHS specifically so I applied for a variety of Finance Apprenticeships. I attended an open event at Blackpool Victoria Hospital and I put my name down to find out more information from the Skills Development Network about the Accountancy Apprenticeship. I then went through the different recruitment stages and interviews and I was offered the apprenticeship and since then I have progressed within the NHS.

CURRENT ROLE

My current role is Finance Business Partner Assistant, I have been in this role for just over 2 years and I have worked within two different localities. Within my current role I attend a lot of budget holder meetings, I really enjoy meeting with the different services and learning a lot about the clinical teams. My typical day involves attending budget holder meetings, approving workforce forms for recruitment and any contractual changes or employee transfers. I also attend monthly Special Interest Group, Value Makers and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion meetings.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

I have recently met with my new mentor and we are currently in the process of putting some plans in place to start the mentoring process. We have decided what would be useful for me to learn and shadow and what I want to get out of the mentoring process. My biggest influence in my career is all my work colleagues as they have all provided me with so much support through my 6 years within the NHS and they are always willing to help me when I need it.

WORK-LIFE BALANCE

I balance my work and home life well, I make sure within work time I am dedicated to completing tasks and sticking to deadlines this allows me to complete my work within work time and then I can enjoy my life outside of work. Outside of work I enjoy going for walks and running and meeting up with friends.

ON REFLECTION

My biggest work-related achievement is winning the Rising Star Award at the Value Maker Conference 2024. I have also just been nominated for the second time for LSCFT Apprentice of the Year. My career aspirations are to continue with my studies and become CIMA qualified and also to work my way up the bandings into different roles. I have thoroughly enjoyed my career so far within the NHS and I have learnt so much and all of my colleagues have been so supportive.