



Health and Social Care

Type of Placement: One-day placement for a group of teachers who were provided with an individual opportunity to work shadow a Health Care Assistant during their normal working day.

Curriculum Link: Applied Health and Social Care, Society, Health and Development Diploma.

Summary of Main Benefits:

An opportunity for teachers to

- Update knowledge and skills
- Gain insight into NHS
- Develop local links to support curriculum delivery
- Develop ideas for work-related learning

Description: After an initial group introduction to the day the teachers started their work shadowing, meeting up later in the day to review outcomes and feedback.

Outcomes:

- Skills and knowledge were updated significantly particularly with regard to the NHS
- The variety of Health and Social Care careers within the NHS became apparent
- Links were forged with local practitioners
- There were a number of invaluable offers of relevant placements for students

Teacher Quotes:

“I realised how hard staff work and the qualifications needed”

“I gained an insight into patient care skills needs and job roles”.



Work experience opportunities with hospitals are very limited for students, so it is important that teachers of health and social care courses have recent and relevant knowledge of the NHS through placements to share with students.