

Raising the profile of apprenticeships in Adult Social Care

Ken works full-time for Strode Park Foundation and is due to finish his 2yr **Foundation Degree Nursing Associate Apprenticeship** in October this year.

Ken says he *“enjoyed his role in the caring world and the apprenticeship was the next step to deepen his caring knowledge”*

“I love to take on a challenge. As someone nearly 60 years old, I have found it challenging, but I have learnt so much during my apprenticeship. The most enjoyable part of my apprenticeship has been my placement at Kim’s hospital. I personally learn better by being hands-on rather than in a classroom. It has been great to care for the patients and deepen my understanding of the different types of care.”

Strode Park feels *“Ken has developed a variety of key skills during his placement at Kim’s Hospital in Maidstone, including patient care and understanding the different types of care.*

Ken brings back his new knowledge and the latest caring insights and shares them with the Strode Park Foundation team”.

What have been the benefits of apprenticeships in your organisation? It is a great way to support Strode Foundation’s staff in advancing their careers in care and helping individuals to achieve their personal goals.



Have there been any challenges supporting apprentices? – No, we have not experienced anything particular.

Any final thoughts from ken? “Strode Park Foundation has been very supportive throughout my apprenticeship. Whenever I need help or advice, the team has always been happy to support me. *If anyone is thinking of doing an apprenticeship in nursing, I would say go for it, you will thoroughly enjoy it. It’s hard work, but you get out of it what*

you put in!”

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