

CASE STUDY

JOSHUA PARTRIDGE RADIOGRAPHY APPRENTICE



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Tell us about your role?

My former role as an imaging department assistant (IDA) is essential for patient care. Busy wards, clinics and GP practices constantly refer their patients for medical imaging. The role of an IDA is to assist radiographers, sonographers, and consultant radiologists in their daily practice. This is always a patient facing role which includes a variety of tasks such as organising ward lists and liaising with porters, preparing patients for examinations, preparing contrast for CT scans, completing safety questionnaires for patients having MRI scans and chaperoning radiologists in Ultrasound.

What attracted you to be a support worker?

I believe more people should become AHP support workers because the job is so rewarding and helps you develop not only as a professional, but also as a person. There are also a wide variety of support worker roles, some are more specialized. There are so many ways that people can progress from a support worker to a qualified professional, such as the nursing associate and the apprentice radiography route, which was unheard of a few years ago.

How has training and development helped you in your role?

The training and development I have received in my support worker role has been excellent, it has helped mould my skills which allowed me to provide excellent patient care. The development made me feel much more comfortable working within the imaging team, and these skills I have taken with me onto the diagnostic radiography apprenticeship at the University of Exeter where I will journey from a band 2 IDA to a band 5 radiographer.



What are you most proud of in your role?

I am proud on a daily basis that I am able to have a positive impact on people's lives, often at a time when they are most vulnerable.

Would you encourage others to become an AHP?

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