Work Experience Policy and Information

Request

1: Does your Trust offer work experience placements for sixth form students?
Yes we do.

2: Does your Trust have a policy on work experience placements sixth form students?
General Work Experience Policy (please see attached).

3: If you have a policy, where can I find it?
Please see attached.

4: If your Trust offer work experience placements for sixth form students does this include clinical areas?
Yes it does, but will depend on the area of request.

5: If your Trust offer work experience placements for sixth form students, what formalities would need to be completed before a 1-week placement?
We would need the following formalities to be completed:

- An application form completed
- A placement sourced
- A work experience agreement signed
- A checklist completed by the placement manager.

6: If your Trust offer work experience placements for sixth form students, is there readily available information for sixth formers looking for work experience placements?

7: If your Trust does not offer work experience placements for sixth form students, what are the reasons?

Please share any other information which you think relevant to the issue e.g.

→ Are there any new initiatives within your Trust?
→ Do you have any good practice examples?
→ Have you encountered any practical difficulties in offering work experience placements?
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Work Experience placements are sourced based upon the request of the student. We don't offer a ‘pick list’ of placements but try to place all student requests within the service they ask for.

7: If your Trust does not offer work experience placements for sixth form students, what are the reasons?

N/A

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Are there any new initiatives within your Trust?

**Health Ambassadors Programme** – LEBC (Leicestershire Education Business Company) organise and host a series of career events within schools and colleges in the city and county to encourage careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mechanical).

**Leicester Works** – work placements for students with learning difficulties. Students are on a college based programme that incorporates real work experience within the Trust.

**Prince’s Trust Get Into** – 4 week programme of education and work experience for clients of Prince’s Trust.

**Pharmacy** – ongoing commitment with Leicester University to support work experience requests for potential new pharmacy students.

Do you have any good practice examples?

We have placed students who require work experience to support their UCAS application in areas such as Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy within the mental health division who have successfully obtained places at university.

We have also hosted a group of students within the Pharmacy department during their summer holidays from university to help them embed their learning into practice.

Have you encountered any practical difficulties in offering work experience placements?

The lead time given for requests from students is often very short. We need at least 28 days’ notice to be able to arrange.

Requests are often for the same time period (especially school holidays and summer term time).

Placements are limited and first come first served.

Students are often not specific enough with what experience they are wanting which involves a lot of conversation that could be reduced if research has been done into the type of work experience they want.