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Apprenticeships day to showcase a mental health ‘first’

Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust hosts an open day event on Wednesday (18 April) to showcase new clinical apprenticeships in a ‘first’ for its adult mental health and learning disabilities services.

The Trust is offering healthcare and therapy apprenticeships on its adult mental health and learning disability wards and community learning disabilities services.

Staff from these services

will be on hand at the

Glenfield Education Centre
(near the Bradgate Mental Health Unit) from 4pm to 7pm.

They will be answering questions and outlining details of the 17 new apprentice roles.

The 14-month programme with LPT will provide successful applicants with a mixture of college studies and on-the-job

learning in a clinical setting - including The Bradgate Unit (top) and the Agnes inpatient unit for people with learning disabilities (bottom photo) - which provide to teach them the practical skills, through observation and learning.

Apprentices will also receive regular supervision and pastoral support. It is the first time LPT has opened up a range of clinical apprenticeships in its services for adults with learning disabilities and those with mental health illness.



Helen Perfect, (pictured inset), head of adult mental health inpatient, crisis and liaison services at LPT, said: “Apprenticeships are growing in popularity, giving people of all ages the chance to learn and earn and gain nationally recognised qualifications.

“They also give us the opportunity to bring new talent into our services and train individuals and teams with the skills they need to help us to build our workforce for the future.”

The Glenfield Education Centre is on the Glenfield Hospital site, near to the Bradgate Mental Health Unit on Groby Road, Leicester, LE3 9EJ – see map below

- Further information about the apprenticeships on offer is available from apprenticeships@leicspart.nhs.uk

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. **Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)** provides community health, mental health and learning disabilities services for the one million people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have a budget in excess of £275 million and employ approximately 5,500 staff. For more information visit: www.leicspart.nhs.uk

2. **Raising Health** is our registered charity (number 1057361) which raises funds to support LPT’s excellent care initiatives, equipment and innovations which go above and beyond core NHS provision, to enhance the experience of our patients, service users and staff.

www.raisinghealth.org.uk

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