



## Healthcare Horizons - Pre-Apprenticeship Programme

### Case study: Alimah

#### Background

After having completed her A levels at college, Alimah did not feel that university was for her but instead wanted to work in an administrative role. She had some experience of health and social care through her education and had encountered training opportunities with Barts in the past.

#### Decision to start the programme

After being recommended by Barts staff to apply to the programme, Alimah did so with the hope of gaining worthwhile training followed by job opportunities. She was aware that working in the NHS offered a better and more diverse career path than other industries and this is what appealed to her.

#### Experience of the programme

Alimah found the pre-apprenticeship training very useful. The module focussing on how to write supporting statements was particularly helpful to her and the assistance that staff provided her with in regards to this was very welcomed. The training contained quite a bit of interview practice which Alimah found somewhat repetitive and she felt that this could perhaps be dispersed more across the length of the training or altered so that the exercises differed more. She really valued the staff at Barts who coached her in preparing for job applications and interviews and were always speedy at responding to queries.

#### Impact of the programme

As a result of the training, Alimah gained a job as a full-time receptionist at Barts. She likes her new job and is looking to progress within the organisation and eventually work as an administrator.

*"If it wasn't for the training, I would not have been able to get this job. The help I received when writing the supporting statement for the application got me my interview."*