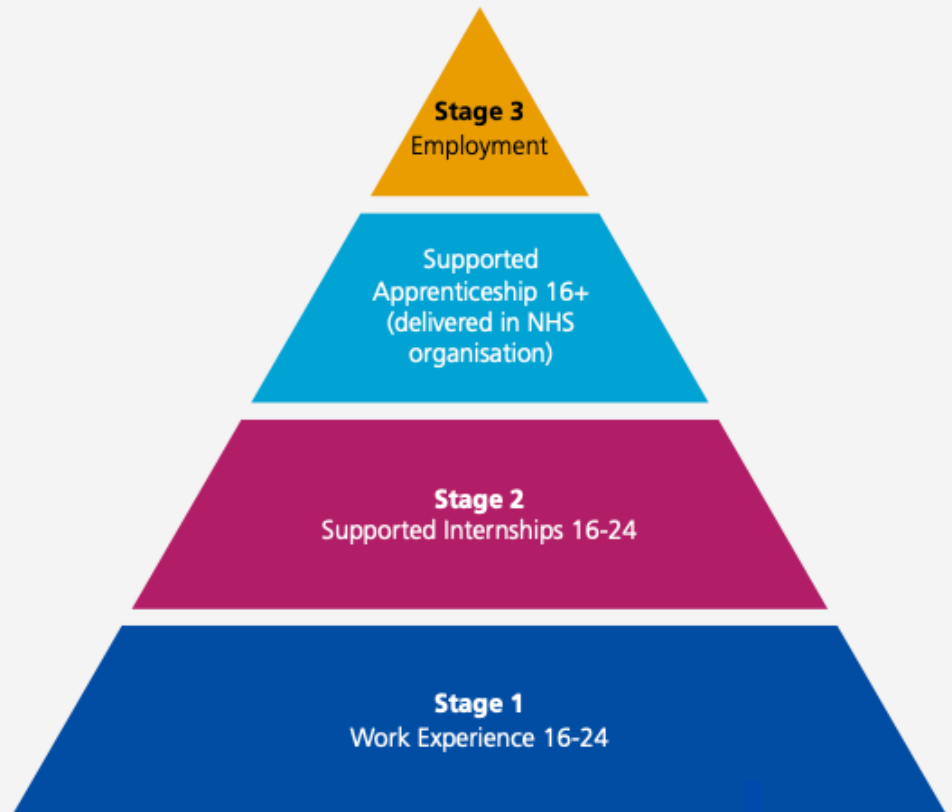


Project Choice is a supported work experience programme for people with disabilities, difficulties, learning disabilities or Autism. The programme is delivered within NHS Trusts supported by Health Education England.

The programme takes a staged approach to preparation for work.

Students can join at either Stage 1 or Stage 2.



Stage 1 - Core Aims:

- To raise awareness of the high impact, high quality, high calibre and high performance that a person with a learning disability, difficulty, disability or Autism brings to the workplace.
- To bring equality and empower students in the workplace.
- To provide the students with life experience beyond their home and school environments.
- To extend the young person's knowledge of work and work opportunities.
- Widen participation into work in the NHS.

Project Choice

Making a **Difference**

Stage 1 – Face to Face and Virtual Work Experience

Face to Face

- We offer term-time placements which usually last six weeks, but can be shorter.
- Mentor training is provided.
- Students start work at 9:30am and finish at 12:15pm. Slight variations around this time can be negotiated with the schools.
- Students will participate in a certificate presentation on completion.

Virtual

- Virtual work experience programme where students are able to gain knowledge about the working world.
- This will be offered term-time remotely or classroom-based for 6 weeks.
- Full support from the Project Choice Lead either on site or remotely.
- Full support given to staff throughout delivery of programme for students.

What makes a successful placement?

- The student has an experience of real work and not just a token appearance in the department.
- The student begins to behave as a responsible member of the workforce.
- The student is treated as a member of staff.
- The student is always with a trained Mentor.
- The student and Mentor have a positive learning journey.



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