

**WELCOME TO THE SECOND EDITION OF THE  
CHESHIRE CAREER AND ENGAGEMENT HUB NEWS.**

**Health Careers news for schools, colleges and local people across Cheshire and Wirral.**



The Career and Engagement Hub are hosted by East Cheshire Trust and work across Cheshire to help inspire people of all ages to become aware of the wide range of careers available in health and care and to consider health and care roles as a future career choice.

With over 350 different careers in the NHS and additional opportunities in care, there really is a job for everyone with the right skills and values.

As we look towards celebrating the 70th birthday of the NHS on 5th July, there has never been a better time to raise the profile of the wide range of rewarding and diverse careers available in health and care. We aim to widen participation and to help ensure a future workforce.

Visit the Hub website to find out more about the world of health careers:

<http://www.cheshirecareerhub.net>

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**The Cheshire Career Hub supports the University of Chester outreach event -**

The University's Outreach team hosted their largest primary school event with 237 Year 6 pupils from Winsford Primary schools participating in a series of fun and informative activities designed to broaden aspiration and to raise awareness of the opportunities available within Higher Education.

The Primary Pathways Event enabled children to visit Chester university campus, to meet staff and students, to listen to talks, to attend a subjects fair and to have a campus tour.



During the fair, Roberta Pomponio, Hub Coordinator for Cheshire West and Wirral, helped pupils to participate in different activities aimed at inspiring and preparing young people for a career in health and care, including dressing up in clinical uniforms and having a go at using virtual and augmented reality devices.

This event supported the West Cheshire CWAC Raising Aspirations Project which links learning with employers, colleges and universities.



**ARE YOU A TEACHER OR CAREER ADVISOR?**

**DO YOU NEED HELP TO FIND WORK EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTEERING, APPRENTICESHIPS, OR INFORMATION ON HEALTH CAREERS?**

**ARE YOU CONSIDERING A CHANGE OF CAREER OR A JOB SEEKER OR VETERAN?**

**The Career and Engagement Hub can help**

We host seminars, focus groups, hospital visits to inspire young people and job seekers, and teacher/ careers advisor upskilling events to share information and ideas

We can attend your careers fair and mock interview sessions, and deliver bespoke health career talks

We attend Job Centres to provide information on health careers, applying for NHS Jobs and volunteering and vocational learning opportunities

We can connect you to our Health Ambassadors Network from a wide range of health care specialities who can attend your school/ college to talk about their roles

We can provide information and sign post you to where you can find Apprenticeship and NHS Jobs opportunities

We can help you to find resources, including career booklets, leaflets, lesson plans, health career websites, toolkits and videos.



We can sign post you to work experience and volunteering opportunities with many Trusts across Cheshire having achieved the Fair Train Quality standard for excellence in work experience.

**The Hub were proud to be invited to a 'Thank You NHS' afternoon tea at Cheshire College, South and West.**



This was planned, organised and hosted by a wide range of college students as part of their learning and also to celebrate 70 years of the NHS and what the NHS means to them.

Students also expressed their gratitude for NHS career engagement, work experience and volunteering opportunities which helped them to confirm future career paths.

The event was extremely well organised and consisted of an afternoon tea, an NHS 70 themed room, student talks, and over 70 inspiring and heartfelt thank you messages which had been written and put on display by the students.

Thank you very much to all of the students who worked so hard to produce such a lovely NHS 70 celebration.



**Pictured above are four health and social care students who are all going on to study or work in the health and care sector**



## WATCH THIS SPACE —

The NHS is 70 years old on 5th July and celebrations are taking place across the country throughout 2018.

The Hub are looking at a variety of ways to celebrate this special occasion and are exploring various ideas to engage with local young people in education across Cheshire, Wirral and Halton.

NHS70 educator resources can be found here: <https://www.nhs70.nhs.uk/get-involved/teacher-and-educators/>

To register your interest please email [ecn-tr.cheshirecareerhub@nhs.net](mailto:ecn-tr.cheshirecareerhub@nhs.net)

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL INITIATIVES

The Hub was involved with a wide range of engagement opportunities themed around several national awareness weeks that took place during March.

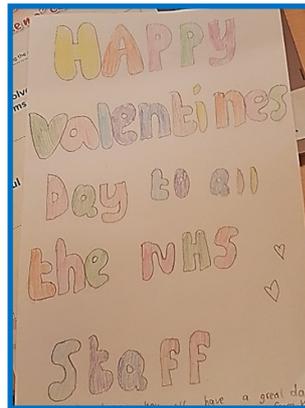
The Hub collaborated with the NW Ambulance Service to raise awareness of International Women's day, with ambulance staff planning and delivering a series of inspiring talks in schools across Cheshire.

National Apprenticeship Week and Health Care Science week provided a great opportunity for the Hub to be out and about helping to inspire and inform people about careers in health science and about alternative entry routes into careers.

Activities included hosting a school visit to the clinical skills department at East Cheshire Trust, attendance at a series of Apprenticeship, Career and STEM Fairs, and supporting Health Education England stands at Birmingham NEC and Event City, Manchester.



## STUDENTS AT GREENBANK SCHOOL IN NORTHWICH WRITE VALENTINE CARDS TO NHS STAFF



Greenbank school is graded as an outstanding school by Ofsted with high expectations for students in all areas of the academic curriculum including social learning opportunities through life and living skills.

The Cheshire Career Hub were delighted to have the opportunity to bring health careers to life by delivering an employability session in collaboration with Safe Opportunities.

As it was Valentine's day the students were keen to share their positive personal experiences of the NHS and produced some great art work whilst exploring health care careers

## LEARNING THROUGH HANDS on experience in a safe environment

The Clinical Skills Lab recently hosted 9 Health & Social Care students and 2 teachers from Congleton High School in a visit designed to give the students the chance to have a go at some hands on activities, whilst finding out more about health careers and volunteering.

Students were able to explore the use of manikins for health care staff training and to hear about volunteering opportunities.

Students had a go at taking blood from a simulation arm,

checked their blood pressures and discovered more about different eye conditions.

The group was also able to complete observational criteria for their Pre-venting Infection and Control' unit.

A big thanks goes to East Cheshire Trust staff: Steve Booth, Julie Brown and Aoife Middlemass for their support.



## HIGHLIGHTING CAREER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS ACROSS CHESHIRE AND BEYOND

Date	title	Venue
17/03/18	An insight into theatres day	WUTH Clatterbridge
17/03/18	Careers Day	Church Lawton School
23/03/18	What Career Live?	Liverpool Exhibition Centre. L3 4BX
19/04/18	Lunch time drop in	Middlewich High School
20/04/18	Mock interview session	Eaton Bank, Congleton
21/04/18	Nurse recruitment day for East Cheshire NHS Trust	Best Western Stoke on Trent
24/04/18	Uni - ready session	Congleton High School
25/04/18	Young Enterprise Finals	Barclays Technology Park, Knutsford. WA16 9EU
08/05/18	Mock interview day	St Thomas More Catholic High, Crewe
09/05/18	Emergency services day	Springfield School, Crewe
15/05/18	Inclusion School Visit	East Cheshire NHS Trust
16/05/18	Career confidence session	Greenbank School
17/05/18	Healthcare Careers Hospital visit	East Cheshire Trust, Macclesfield
17/05/18	CHS School Visit	East Cheshire NHS Trust
24/05/18	Healthcare Careers Hospital visit	East Cheshire Trust, Macclesfield
05/06/18	Steps into Health launch	Countess of Chester
16/06/18	College community day	Cheshire College South and West
29/06/18	Career fair for year 10	The Grange School, Runcorn
03/07/18	Values 7 the 6Cs talk	ECT Macclesfield
04/07/18	Career Focus Day 3 x 45 min sessions	Alsager High School
06/07/18	Primary college	Cheshire college south and west, E Port
10/07/18	Big Bang Event North West	Liverpool
11/07/18	Career Fest	Malbank School & 6th Form
12/07/18	Primary College	Cheshire College, Crewe

Job Centre Plus **NHS Week**– 9th-13th July

**Cadetship programme** at Aintree with Hugh Baird  
<http://www.hughbaird.ac.uk/index.php/nursing-cadet-programme>

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 for further details regarding any of the above.

## WORKING IN COLLABORATION TO HELP PEOPLE FIND THE JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

The Career Hub work closely with JCP's across Cheshire and Wirral to help people find interesting roles in health and care.

Initiatives include quarterly keeping in touch focus groups, JCP staff information sessions, the provision of careers resources and leaflets, sign posting to volunteering, work experience and vocational learning opportunities, supporting national Job Centre Plus NHS Week and Insight and Inspire Hospital visits.

**The Job Centre Plus  
 NHS Week Campaign 2018  
 takes place on  
 9th– 13th July**



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