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WHY DID YOU CHOOSE AN APPRENTICESHIP?

I started my apprenticeship one year ago and I am now in the second year of my degree. I was really excited to be offered this chance as I had always wanted to do a degree but had never realised I could do it through my job in this way.

I have worked in Child and Family Centres as a manager for over 15 years now and I have completed my level 4 and level 5 Management training and thought if I was ever to do a degree I would have to leave work to do it full time. Then I heard about the apprenticeship programme and applied and the rest is history!

HOW DO THE APPRENTICESHIP AND YOUR JOB WORK TOGETHER?

I have had really good support from my manager and work colleges who have supported surveys and information gathering needed for the course, and the real benefit is you can use your work experience and role to draw upon in your assignments and that really helps writing about something you know about.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT THE APPRENTICESHIP COURSE?

We have had a lot of fun in the sessions and although it has mainly been virtual over the last year we still have formed a really supportive group. The tutors have been really good and I have learnt a lot from the lectures.