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## **WHEN DID YOU START AS AN APPRENTICE SOCIAL WORKER?**

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## **WHAT WERE YOU DOING BEFORE YOU STARTED YOUR APPRENTICESHIP?**

I worked in various roles within the early years sector, starting as an unqualified team member and working my way up to become the manager of an 85-place childcare centre for children aged 6 months to 5 years.

## **WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO PURSUE A CAREER IN SOCIAL WORK?**

I wanted to gain a better understanding of the decision-making process of social workers and the factors that lead to the removal of a child, as well as the ways in which social workers can support families to stay together.

## **DID YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES INFLUENCE YOUR DECISION TO PURSUE SOCIAL WORK? IF SO - HOW?**

As an early years manager, I attended many meetings with families and social services.

## **HOW HAVE YOU FOUND THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING AN APPRENTICE SOCIAL WORKER?**

Working with various teams provides opportunities to learn about different social work assessments, enabling one to view things from multiple perspectives.

## **WOULD YOU RECOMMEND AN APPRENTICESHIP IN SOCIAL WORK TO SOMEONE CONSIDERING IT?**

Undoubtedly.