Your name

Alex

Your apprenticeship programme

Level 4 Cyber Security Technologist – CS Engineer

About you

I moved into IT in 2018 as I fancied a change of career and had always been a bit of a computer nerd, so it seemed like a good fit. I'm now a Cyber Security Engineer for a mental healthcare NHS Trust.

Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I'd been working in IT support for a few years and was ready to take the step into something more specific, and Cyber Security was also something that I liked the idea of – so it seemed like the perfect way to move into that area of the industry.

How has the apprenticeship enhanced your career?

It's allowed me to step into a Cyber Security role, whilst learning about how it all works on the job. I feel I always learn best when I'm actually *doing* the thing I'm learning about, so the apprenticeship was perfect for me.

What did your apprenticeship mean to you?

It makes me very happy as I can look through my work from when I started the apprenticeship to now and it shows just how much I've learned in the last 2 years.

What advice would you give to an existing apprentice?

It's never too early to plan for Gateway! Make sure you revise the work you've already done throughout the course, it means that it'll be fresh in your memory at every point through your apprenticeship.

Also, try not to have another child whilst you're studying for your apprenticeship, it can cause a bit too much stress for all involved 😅