

# Sirona Spotlight – Chris’ Career Journey



**Name:** Chris

**Apprenticeship:** Learning Disability Nursing

**Career journey:** “Prior to joining Sirona, I worked with adults with learning disabilities in Devon for five years. During the day, I was a Sports Enabler at a day service and in the evenings, I coached at a local football club. Spontaneously, I decided to move to Bristol to further my career prospects and was delighted when I got the Healthcare Assistant job with Sirona in the Adult Learning Disability Health Service! After around a year, I wanted to progress so expressed my interest in learning and development opportunities. I was offered the chance to complete an apprenticeship to become a Learning Disability Nurse.”

**How have you found undertaking an apprenticeship with Sirona?** “I have really enjoyed the apprenticeship; it has worked well for me to be able to study alongside my job. The two have complimented each other and given me an opportunity to put the skills I have learnt into practice. There has been lots of variety in my placements and Sirona have been brilliant! My mentors allow me to spend days with different teams which has enabled me to sign off some of the necessary proficiencies. Everybody in my team has been very supportive and interested in my development.”

**Future career aspirations:** “I would love to continue gaining knowledge and experience within my team at the Adult Learning Disability Health Service as a Registered Learning Disability Nurse.”

**Huge thanks to Chris for sharing your experience and for all your hard work – we’re thrilled you chose to do your apprenticeship with us!**