

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, we would like to celebrate apprentices working on the North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH) scheme and have put together mini biographies to showcase their talents and achievements. We are proud to introduce you to Rob.



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Job title on NMGH: Apprentice Project Manager

Course studying: BSc (Hons) Construction Management – Level 6 (Degree Apprenticeship)

From the get-go, RLB have been very keen for me to gain cross sector experience with an aim to develop and broaden my skillset. Since beginning my project management apprenticeship back in 2019, I have worked on numerous projects in sectors such as Healthcare, Public, Industrial and Retail. When joining RLB, I initially

worked closely with the health planning team, which mainly focused on the more strategic side of health projects rather than the actual construction – i.e. developing feasibility studies, estates strategies and business cases for NHS and private clients. I have had several roles on the NMGH project, including assisting Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust (MFT) in the development of the business case.

There are countless benefits to doing an apprenticeship, the ones that drew me in were: The chance to gain both practical experience and theoretical knowledge through working and studying, having the opportunity to work alongside and learn from some of the best in the industry and job security, i.e. having a job as soon as I have completed my studies. The sense that you are not just studying and learning but making a real difference in the world.

My advice to others is to really consider doing an apprenticeship, especially if you are more practically minded. Find something that excites you and you are passionate about and pursue it. It's been such a great experience so far for me. You will find it incredible just how much you will learn and how quickly you will mature.

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