

Case Study

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I studied at St Teilo's Church in Wales High School and I have just completed my A levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. I hope to go to university in September to study Medicine.

I chose to do a work placement with Public Health Wales because I wanted to gain an understanding of the agencies that work to help provide the highest quality of healthcare to service users, and how healthcare is monitored and governed to ensure this standard of care remains constant. This would help me throughout my time in medical school and through my working life in healthcare.

My week at Public Health Wales

On Monday, I spent the day at Morriston Hospital with Joanne Doyle (All Wales Nurse Staffing Programme Manager) who was running a Nurse Staffing information day. Here I learnt about how the All Wales Nurse Staffing Act is implemented in adult acute medical and surgical inpatient departments.

On Tuesday, I attended the Single Cancer Pathway Workshop where different health boards presented data and strategies that they are using to reduce cancer diagnosis waiting times and improve outcomes for cancer patients.

On Wednesday, I watched Dawn Parry (Paediatric Project Lead of the All Wales Nurse Staffing Programme) deliver a session about the Paediatric Work Stream to paediatric nurses at Nevill Hall Hospital. Spending the day with Dawn was my favourite part of the week as I found it really insightful and has reaffirmed my interest in potentially working in paediatrics in the future.

On Thursday, I attended a meeting with Paul Gimson (National Primary Care Programme Manager) and General Practice cluster leads from across Wales. In the afternoon, I met with Helen Ronchetti (Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Programme Manager) who described various initiatives in healthcare designed to reduce infections and therefore antimicrobial resistance.

On Friday I met with Keely McCarthy (Improvement Manager) to discuss Improving Quality Together (IQT) training, and I also got the opportunity to complete Bronze Level IQT. I also attended Rapid Response to Acute Illness Learning Set (RRAILS) team meetings with Chris Hancock and Lisa Fabb.

The placement has strengthened my desire to work in healthcare in the future, and potentially intercalate Public Health into my Medicine degree. I would definitely recommend the placement as I thoroughly enjoyed it and was able to see healthcare from so many different angles.