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Whilst completing her A Levels, Samantha decided that university wasn't for her and was encouraged by her parents to look into an apprenticeship. She decided to apply for the pilot [health informatics](#) ^[1] course.

Sam Hodge

Information quality clerical officer

Employer or university

The Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust

Salary range

<£10k

Sam smiling

How I got into the role

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I decided to go down the apprenticeship route as they allow you to earn, learn and gain practical experience in the workplace.

Following some research, I found the Business Administration Course, which I applied for. I was then contacted about a pilot [health informatics](#) ^[1] course, and asked if I was interested in applying. I had never heard of the term [health informatics](#) ^[1] but I was intrigued by the prospect of working for the NHS.

What I do

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My daily duties include monitoring patient information on the trust's administrative systems, and amending any errors in a timely manner to ensure patient care is not compromised. I also handle telephone calls, read and respond to emails, open and redirect mail and file manual and electronic records.

Career plans

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As an apprentice, I am at the bottom of the career framework, which is an incentive for me, as I know there is room to further my career. As a result of my [health informatics](#) ^[1] apprenticeship, I recently gained full-time employment on my placement. When I started, I was a relatively shy and quiet individual, and am amazed at how far I have come in a relatively short space of time. Working and learning in a supportive and encouraging environment has really boosted my confidence and I feel that my colleagues have really helped me to challenge myself and do things out of my comfort zone, such as giving a speech as part of a National Apprenticeship Week event and even doing a live radio interview.

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[1] <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/glossary#Informatics>