

Welcome

to a new kind of apprenticeship

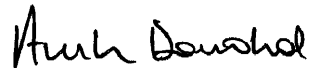
As one of the longest established social care charities in the North East, St Cuthberts Care is in an unrivalled position to offer you the best possible training for a career in the profession.

You will be joining an organisation with over 60 years experience of enabling older people and people with both physical and learning disabilities to lead fulfilling and rewarding lives.

Our new apprenticeship scheme will prepare you for a career which is both demanding and rewarding and will offer you the chance to obtain nationally recognised qualifications.

With a growing number of people requiring care and support, demand for qualified carers is set to increase in the coming years, not least within St Cuthberts Care itself. We are keen to retain our apprentices when they have completed their training and guarantee to find them employment within the charity.

We have a vision of offering the highest quality care provision to everyone who needs it. This is your opportunity to join us in achieving that vision.



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What is the Health and Social Care Apprenticeship Scheme?

The St Cuthberts Care Apprenticeship Scheme is a work-based training programme for school leavers aiming to pursue a career in the care sector.

It provides practical experience of caring for vulnerable people and will enable you to gain recognised qualifications needed to become an accredited carer.

It offers an alternative to college-based study.

Who can be an Apprentice?

16 to 19 year olds.

The scheme is open to young people leaving school who are interested in gaining practical experience of working in adult care, whilst learning the necessary technical and academic aspects of the profession.

What sort of training does the scheme provide?

On the job training combined with study.

St Cuthberts Care has a number of well established adult care projects in the North East, supporting people both in their own homes and in residential care homes. We also assist people in making the transition from residential care to independent living.

You will join a team of experienced and fully qualified staff

who can teach you all aspects of the profession as well as advising you on the qualifications you will need to gain in order to progress in your career.

Your apprenticeship will follow a structured framework of training, assessment and support, giving you the necessary skills base for working in what is a very demanding field.

During your time with us you will have the opportunity to experience working in a number of different settings. You will be encouraged to undertake all aspects of the work in which you are involved, but will be properly supervised at all times.

The ultimate aim is to guarantee you a career with us when you have obtained your qualification.

Is there a recognised qualification at the end of the apprenticeship?

Yes. You will gain a Diploma

The apprenticeship is a recognised training scheme leading to appropriate qualifications such as a Diploma in Health and Social Care.

A successfully completed apprenticeship is the equivalent of five GCSEs. There is also an Advanced Apprenticeship which is equivalent to two A Levels.

How long will it take to obtain the qualification?

1 year.

However the scheme is individually tailored to your abilities, therefore the actual duration may vary depending upon your progression.

Will I get paid while I am training?

Yes. You will receive a weekly wage.

This is currently set at £96.20 per week.

What sort of career opportunities could this offer?

We guarantee to offer you a position with St Cuthberts Care when you have qualified.

During your apprenticeship you will receive all the advice and guidance you need to form a clear picture of the career prospects open to you. Subject to successful completion of your apprenticeship and satisfactory performance we **guarantee** you an offer of employment within St Cuthberts Care. You will also have the opportunity, subject to age restrictions and qualification, to work within our children's services.

When can I enrol?

Any time you are ready.

There is no set starting date for apprenticeships. The scheme is what is known as a rolling programme and you can join at any time.

How do I find out more or apply to join the scheme?

You can get more information, or apply to join the scheme by contacting Geraldine Martin on her direct line: **0191 228 8008**

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