IT SKILLS PATHWAY

LEVEL THREE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL ONE

ENTRY

NHS

IT Skills for........
Allied Health Professionals

Dr Alison Blake is a Podiatry Joint Team Leader in NHS Wiltshire. In this interview, she describes how the NHS IT Skills Pathway has assisted her with her day to day work.

How do your duties involve the use of IT skills?
I use email and online training. I also use the internet for research and CPD purposes and word processing for GP letters.

What did you already know about IT before taking the course?
I mostly knew about word processing and email but my skills were all self taught.

How did you hear about NHS IT Skills Pathway?
The training was mentioned by my manager in a Podiatry Team Meeting.

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Tell us how you went about learning?
I did most of the training online in my own time.

What was the experience like?
I enjoyed the course format and felt well supported through out my learning.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 100,000 registered learners on the IT skills tracking system

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Now that you've taken the course, how does it help you?
I'm more confident when using IT and have learnt lots of short-cuts and easier ways of doing things.

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Are there any specific examples of how skills you learned help you in your duties?
As I was self taught I wasn't aware of the potential of IT and this training has given me an idea of what can be possible. This has made me more inclined to pursue further training in order to develop my skills to achieve this.

What would be your message about the NHS IT Skills Pathway to other staff across the NHS?
Do it!

What are the next steps for you in terms of IT learning?
I'm currently waiting for an induction onto the higher level training courses.

Dr Alison Blake

DID YOU KNOW?

The NHS IT Skills Pathway is a learning and assessment tool covering the essential IT skills that are required for most NHS staff. In particular, it covers the IT skills that are required for the use of computer based health information systems, such as how to use a mouse and a keyboard but also covers other skills like using Windows, working with files and applications and how to operate email and the internet.

Find out more about by visiting: http://www.itskills.nhs.uk

The NHS IT Skills Pathway covers the full range of competencies for users of IT, from basic through to advanced levels. It has been developed in partnership with the NHS to provide an officially recognised route of learning and certification for the whole workforce.

Its purpose is to encourage everyone working within the NHS to review their current IT skills and knowledge against the national standards, determine what their skill gaps are and then identify their future training requirements based on the products that are available.

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