

# Partnership Working

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# Family Matters Clinics

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- GOSH Palliative Care Consultant
- Guys and St Thomas's Pharmacy
- Law Works Legal Support
- Orchard Hill Post 16 Education

# Education

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- Post 16
- independent living skills
- menu of choices
- Collaborative working

# Partnership Work

- We value our partnership work at Orchard Hill College and enjoy visiting Richard House Hospice on Monthly Open Days to talk to families and young people.

# Opportunities

- **Building skills for independence**
- Traineeships
- Supported Internships
- Independent Living

# Case Study

How we work to support young people.

**One particular young person came to college feeling demotivated** because of previous well intentioned attempts to support his education not fully meeting his needs.

**Joint working with teaching, nursing and therapy** enabled him to access all aspects of the curriculum and to be as independent as possible in the college.

**Next step** was to develop his independence in the community.

# Adaptations

- His wheelchair was adapted to enable use of a **head switch to independently operate his wheelchair.**
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- **Further joint work enabled him to use his head switch to operate the computer, and communication aids** which gave him the ability to make independent choices and communicate in group activities.
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- Use of his head switch enabled him to access an **internal work placement, progressing to an external work placement at a major high St bank.** He was able to communicate using his aids with the staff at the Bank and with some members of the public.
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# Working with families

- **College staff trained his parents** in their home environment to enable him to be more independent at home when playing his music, watching T.V. and using the computer to watch You Tube.
- College organised MDT with Palliative Care Team and family meetings half termly to keep all in touch with difficulties faced and overcome.
- We worked on a Transition Programme with him, using a PA to support in his work placement.

Keeps in touch using social networking.



# SL's Traineeship Experience

- Traineeship student
- Course in renal unit, during dialysis
- Breaks in course when too poorly to study
- Work placements broke down.
- Work team secured suitable placement.
- Building a social life – soft skills
- Met a partner
- Her first job.

# CHALLENGES

**What next? Keeping the good work going after college.**

- Keeping in touch, social media/networking
- Jobs
- Friendships
- Living as independently as possible

# Further Development

To work with Richard House and other Childrens'/Young Peoples' Hospices to support the young people with life limiting conditions to follow their aspirations and achieve to their full potential.

Undertake shared training with staff teams.

# Fun & Choices

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- supportive
- encouraging
- enabling
- individualised



# Thank you

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