Case Study

Aidan Jeffrey

Aidan joined Harlow College in 2022. Aidan was an extremely quiet and withdrawn young man. This was mainly due to bullying during his education experience, which he openly talks about. During his time in Supported Studies, he attended work experience at Motability and his confidence blossomed.

Aidan joined the Supported Internship Programme in September 2024. He had already been 'head hunted' by one of the Mangers at PAHT, during the induction day, who wanted him to work in the Sterile Services Department. Of course, Aidan was flattered that he had been chosen and with the help of his Job Coach, got to work as soon as he had DBS clearance.

Aidan's job entails ensuring that all instruments used during operation procedures are counted, cleaned, inspected and packed correctly ready for the next procedure. This job includes many stages and I have attached the task list which Aidan follows.

Aidan has been a fantastic advocate for the Supported Internship programme. He has spoken at many events, Disability Awareness Day at PAHT, Supported Internship Open Evening at the College and at a PAH Trust Board Meeting. Aidan spoke passionately, to the CEO and Directors, about how the programme has changed his life, how he feels he has a belonging, a future and feels part of a team.