New resource for local pupils

Each year pupils from across Ayrshire have the opportunity to attend an NHS career day at University Hospital Ayr and University Hospital Crosshouse.

As part of the event, pupils attend a session to find out about careers in nursing and Allied Health Professions (AHP) – for example, physiotherapy and occupational therapy. This interactive session is always popular with the students and receives excellent feedback.

Because only a small number of pupils are able to participate on the day, the nursing and allied health staff decided to develop a DVD. This DVD will be shared with all pupils across Ayrshire to help them with their career choices.

The DVD was produced in partnership with staff and pupils from Loudoun Academy in Galston and provided a great opportunity for the staff and pupils to work together. The DVD includes:

- an introductory section explaining about each of the professions;
- an interactive mock scenario to illustrate the contributions of each profession and highlight how they all work together;
- a question and answer section based on the common questions asked about nursing and allied health at the career events;
- additional information on each profession and where you can study in Scotland; and
- useful links section.

This resource will be distributed to all secondary schools across Ayrshire for guidance staff to use as part of a classroom activity or it can be used independently by pupils.

Grier McGhee, AHP Clinical Improvement and Education lead, commented: “Although there is information available elsewhere, the DVD provides a vast amount of information in
a single place to help inform the school pupils’ career choices. We incorporated the
commonly asked questions gathered through the various career days to help build the
content of the DVD.”

Linda McAulay, Head Teacher Loudoun Academy, commented: “The pupils and staff of
Loudoun Academy are extremely grateful to NHS Ayrshire & Arran for this outstanding
opportunity and we have benefitted hugely from the excellent input from NHS staff to help
our young people to make informed health career choices. We are delighted to have been
involved in this initiative to provide a resource to be used in schools pan-Ayrshire to
benefit all of our young people. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience and this
initiative has clearly delivered on the national agenda of Developing the Young Workforce.
My warmest thanks go to NHS Ayrshire & Arran and to our pupils and staff for this
fantastic resource.”

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