

Gable Hall

Gable Hall is in Thurrock, Essex is on the fringes of London. it is a mixed comprehensive 11-16 school, with 1200 on roll, with 50 in a sixth form that has just opened. It has a specialism in Performing Arts, Applied Learning and Gifted and Talented.

The learners involved in this project are 22 Society, Health and Development Diploma students; some level 2 and some level 3.

The main objective of partnership with the employer is to add real context to the Society, Health and Development Diploma curriculum. Once they learnt that the Basildon University Trust Hospital's training courses dovetailed with Society, Health and Development units, an agreement was reached that they would deliver some of the principle learning units on topics, e.g. safeguarding, communication, equality and diversity. This delivery involves examination of case studies.

The hospital now delivers on almost every unit of the course, some units are at the hospital, some are at school but have the context of the hospital at the heart of the programme, so pupils can relate their learning directly to the health sector and as Basildon Hospital is their local hospital. Many students have direct experience of the hospital as a service user.

A recent day at the hospital focused on patient centred health where pupils looked at common conditions and the patient care pathway. They also saw a live open heart surgery operation via a video link up with a commentary by one of the UK's leading heart surgeons who then came to talk to our students when he had finished. Students thought the day at the hospital was 'awesome' providing a real context that they are familiar with and information about possible career paths.

Basildon University Trust Hospital gained good PR, community engagement and staff development opportunities.

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