

The Power of Connection: A Care Leaver's Journey Through WorkWell

When systems work together, lives can change. This is the story of how our collaborative support model is creating real impact for those who need it most. WorkWell, Ealing Council and Shaw Trust

A Breakthrough After Years of Barriers

Recently, one of our Work & Health Coaches at Shaw Trust shared news that speaks volumes about our approach. We're now seeing care leavers find their path forward through WorkWell. Within months of joining WorkWell, people are securing employment—marking the beginning of what we hope will be a positive new chapter in her life.

The Difference a Coordinated Approach Makes

This success wasn't accidental. It stemmed from our carefully designed referral and "warm handover" process for care leavers facing additional barriers to finding work, ensuring that each individual receives continuous support without having to navigate fragmented services alone. The model creates a foundation from which participants can build momentum toward their goals.

Extending Opportunities Through Connection

Our Care Leaver Personal Adviser, noted how this collaborative environment has yielded additional benefits. Through our network, 24 young people are now pursuing internship opportunities with John Lewis—connections that might otherwise have remained inaccessible to them.

Meaningful Progress

With 12 participants currently engaged on WorkWell (out of a target of 15) the programme demonstrates promise even in the face of significant challenges. This progress is particularly noteworthy given the complex barriers and experiences of exclusion many care leavers have faced.

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NHS North West London commissioned West London Alliance to provide WorkWell for people in Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster. The wider employment support programmes also support Barnet residents.

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