



What's the progression like/where do you see yourself going from here?

There are many opportunities for progression and development. The Grad Scheme is very much focused on achieving certain competencies relating to technical skills, but also works to develop me as a leader, so that when I graduate from the scheme I'm equipped to work in a position of leadership. I could go on to work for NHSx or NHS Digital for example or work my way up to Director of Information within an NHS Trust. Some NHS Grads have gone on to become CEOs within the NHS, so the options are limitless! I intend to stay within the NHS at the end of the two years but am keeping my options open at the moment. My second placement at MSE will be within the Strategy Unit and I am excited to explore the use of Informatics within this area.

What top tips would you pass on to students interested in this type of work? (i.e. any particular skills, knowledge, experiences, volunteering, extracurricular activities)

To work with the NHS you need to be able to work in a team and have good communication skills. It's also important to have a good understanding of the NHS and its values. I would recommend that students look for opportunities to volunteer or gain work experience in the NHS to get a better understanding of what it's like to work there.