

Mariam Adams

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Mariam was a mature student when she undertook a work experience placement before applying for a graduate entry course in medicine.

Mariam said: "I visited practically every department. I logged patients in using the whiteboard (electronic system for logging in patients); completed the manual whiteboard (listed names of staff on duty); observed consultations and was taught how to interpret X-rays during my day with the imaging department.

"I also observed angiograms in the catheter suite and knee replacements to mention but a few.

"I liked the organisation of the process but also the flexibility of the activities that I was allowed to take part in. I was allowed to interact with patients throughout the process, calling patients in to clinics, prepping patients (testing urine samples under supervision) while working with other healthcare staff.

"The supportive and trusting environment has helped to boost my confidence. I learned how to measure Body Mass Index (BMI), register patients and gained a general understanding of how things work in the hospital including the role of staff in different uniforms.

"I had opportunities to call patients in to see doctors. I also had the opportunity to talk with patients before their angiography in the catheter suite. The staff were very motivational. They clearly went out of their way to ensure patient satisfaction.

"I would definitely recommend King's Mill as it has helped me to secure a placement at Warwick University to study medicine."

