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Dear Lee,

NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Suicide Awareness (603/6063/X)

I confirm that we support the above qualification.

We are one of the largest specialist mental-health, learning disability and neuro-rehab Trusts in the country. We employ over 7000 staff of which 40% are within Bands 1-4 in a health support role as nursing assistants and support workers.

As an employer, I believe this qualification is valuable because it will support the provision of the necessary knowledge required for our competent and skilled workforce.

It will enable learners to use it in conjunction with other training necessary for their role in health.

As a mental health Trust, we know how essential it is for not only our staff but also all staff within the sector to have up to date knowledge and understanding of this key area of mental health. Ensuring staff know how to recognise anyone at suicide risk and where to signpost support is vital. Our service requires staff to have the widest set of skills such as working with others, and using communication tools.

We support our staff through ongoing development opportunities. Access to an accredited course could benefit them in terms of their own progressions but also support and build their development within the workplace).

The NCFE CACHE Level 2 Award in Suicide Awareness (603/6063/X) qualification could provide the learner with skills that would support them/lead to job(s) in the health sector:

- Healthcare Assistant
- Nursing assistant
- Clinical Support Assistant

All of these roles involve direct contact with patients and/or service users and therefore suicide awareness is a vital element of the role.

This qualification is suitable for anyone aged 16 and above.

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Yours sincerely

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