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Interim House Manager

Coming from a background working with challenging young people within school and community settings, I felt that stepping into a children's home environment would be a new challenge and indeed it was, but one that I have enjoyed every moment of. I have worked as a youth worker, participation worker and other roles regarding young people who were struggling to achieve within their environments and supported the young people through education, building independence skills, to help their transition into adulthood.

I came to Headstart some years ago now and began my journey taking a lead within independence building and working as a Senior residential support worker. I supported the 2 young people at the time into building skills for their next stages in life. When they moved on, I became a Senior Residential Support worker full-time and working within Oakfields and then the Croft. Through my time here, I was given the opportunity to develop my learning and underwent my Level 5 in Residential childcare management which I completed recently. This opened the door to me stepping into a Deputy Manager role here at Oakfields. I am now on track to opening a 2 bedded home under the Headstart Residential Care umbrella called The Bridge which is the next stage of my journey. One which I am thankful for Headstart for helping me achieve.