Shifting Early Talent Strategies:

WHY THE RISE OF APPRENTICESHIPS?

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Who Are Cohesion?

We are a leading emerging talent recruitment provider. We work across numerous sectors, managing apprenticeship and graduate recruitment on behalf of our clients.





How Can Cohesion Support Clients?

Cohesion manage tens of thousands of applications each year. Understanding both client drivers but **also** the necessity of being **candidate centric** is critical to success.

Technology is obviously becoming more dominant, understanding that apprentices are typically younger and therefore need more support **before**, **during** and **after** application is key.

We support candidates throughout the process, we make active interventions to support greater **ethnic & gender diversity, social mobility** and **broader participation**.

We work collaboratively with clients, to develop attraction, selection and onboarding programmes to recruit the best candidates and develop grass route talent.



Why is this topic so relevant?

Cohesion have operated in early talent since 1986, for the first time, we are noticing a distinct shift in how organisations are developing their emerging talent strategies. Despite more students applying to universities, hiring organisations are driving recruitment in the direction of apprenticeships.



UK Apprenticeship Numbers 2012 - 2022





What are the Influencing Factors?

There are a combination of factors, creating a perfect storm:

- Rising living costs,
- Cost of attaining a university degree,
- Apprenticeship Levy (in many cases not being fully utilised)
- Not enough capacity at universities, (estimates for 2026 are 1,000,000 for 650,000 places)
- Increase in interest and variety of Degree Level Apprenticeships,
- Increased awareness, company branding, media, outreach (Careermap)
- Skills shortages not being met by typical degree subjects.



64% growth in apprentices since 2012	You can now become a GP through an apprenticeship programme	Over 50% of uni applications in 2022 also registered an interest apprenticeships
22% more active	The largest profile of	HM Treasury funding for
apprentices in the UK than	people registering for	apprenticeships has grown
the previous 10-year period	apprenticeships are 25+	by £500m since 2017/2018
Level 3 is the most	Intermediate level roles are	2 million plus new
popular level based on	in decline (from 65% in	apprentices in the UK since
'new starts'	2014 to 24% in 2022)	fy12

HM Treasury View:

Apprenticeships are the government's premier in-work training offer

- Over 600 employer-designed standards available in sectors as diverse as engineering and manufacturing, the creative arts, and public services.
- Over 321,000 learners started an apprenticeship in academic year 2020/21;
- Since 2017 we have strengthen the quality requirements 20% training off the job and 12-month minimum duration requirements and End Point Assessments;
- But this means apprenticeships have really good outcomes:
 - 91% of apprentices remained in employment or went onto further training after completing their apprenticeship.
 - 40% increase in earnings by age 26 for men and a 21% increase in earnings by age 26 for women who complete a level 3 apprenticeship;
- HMT has frequently responded to employer concerns on apprenticeships and improve access to training for employers, e.g. introducing employer hiring incentives during Covid-19. Though we are always keen for ideas on how to better engage employers and learners.





Lucy Hunte – National Programme Manager – Apprenticeships - Talent for Care

HEE – Talent for Care Agenda

- Volunteering
- Work Experience
- Traineeships
- T Levels
- Widening Participation increasing diversity in the workforce
- Apprenticeships new recruits & upskilling existing staff
- Progression routes to Higher Level & Degree Apprenticeships
- Level 2 to Level 7 career pathways

Apprenticeships in the NHS

Largest employer in England **1.3m** employees

Estimated to contribute over £220m of levy (21/22)

16/17 only 1,019 apprenticeship starts Level 2 to Level 5

21/22 – **25,000** apprenticeship starts from **Level 2 to Level 7** during a pandemic and **86** different apprenticeships in use

Working with **UCAS** on **route neutral** apprenticeship applications

Huge increase in interest/applications for **degree apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships in the NHS

- Used to attract new talent and to progress existing staff
- Support social mobility and widening participation
- Lack of impartial careers advice and guidance
- Young people can't make informed decisions
- Parity of esteem degree apprenticeship v traditional
- Schools competing for funding
- Baker Clause & Ofsted
- No fixed entry date unlike traditional routes
- Work experience virtual or face to face
- Consider a L3 or L5 Apprenticeship and then top up to Degree Level

Medical Dr Apprenticeship

- Approved for delivery in July 2022
- First pilot cohorts expected **September 2023** onwards
- Aims to support **widening participation** for those from underserved communities
- Approved by General Medical Council
- Exact same academic entry requirements and medical degree
- 60 month apprenticeship programme
- Dr apprentice will earn while they learn

Medical Dr Apprenticeship

 More guidance on recruitment & selection to follow but will include contextual factors to support widening participation

Resources

 Medical Doctor Degree Apprenticeship – Launched - HASO (skillsforhealth.org.uk)

Lifelong careers

We can create a career pathway

Registered Nurse – Degree (NMC 2010)	You might aspire to be here
Nursing Associate	
Senior Healthcare Support Worker	But you might start here
Healthcare Support Worker	And that's fine!

https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/pathways

	Paramedic (Degree)
	LEVEL 6
	Associate Ambulance Practitioner
	LEVEL 4
An	nbulance Support Worker (Emergency, Urgent and Non-urgent)
	(LEVEL 3)

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Healthcare Apprenticeships Standards Online



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THE APPRENTICE VIEW

INSIGHT FROM THE APPRENTICE COMMUNITY



The Association of Apprentices is a not-for-profit membership organisation, providing a social and professional network for UK apprentices.

Our mission is for every apprentice in the UK to have the opportunity to become a member, to benefit from a shared experience and to realise the benefits of completing their programme.



> We provide essential services that benefit apprentices

We are accessible and secure - we are for apprentices, and led by apprentices

We aim to eliminate feelings of isolation and loneliness, supporting the apprentice experience and helping to increase completion rates

We help apprentices to share what matters the most to them for the benefit of all apprentices, and those working with apprentices.

Research into non-completions to factor into building programmes





- 2. Support that would have encouraged respondents not to withdraw
- 37% employer support with time to study/complete assignments/off-the job training
- 31% training provider or tutor study support or support networks
- 27% employer providing a workplace mentor/support network
- 10% extra financial support, e.g., childcare, transport costs
- 4% extra practical support, e.g., with

APPRENTICE INSIGHT

Top 3 things members say they like most about apprenticeships:

- 1. Receiving recognised qualifications
- 2. Improving employability
- 3. Getting ahead

Apprentices report highest

confidence levels in:Self-awareness

- Relationship building Apprentices report lowest confidence levels Career planning in:
 - Career advancement



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