

Disability Sheffield Centre for Independent Living

Disability Sheffield worked with Sheffield Hallam University to deliver six taught sessions about the personal assistant (PA) role, to increase awareness and support the ongoing recruitment of PAs.

Background

Disability Sheffield is a not for profit, disabled person's, user-led organisation that supports individuals who employ their own PAs.

Sheffield has ongoing issues with the recruitment of PAs. They wanted to work with local education providers to raise awareness of the r



They found that some students had a lack of understanding about the variation in the PA role and were unaware of the opportunities for development and career progression.

They used the answers to shape six taught sessions about PAs, and developed supporting resources for each session.

The [Learning and information resource](#) gives an overview of each session, what they hope to achieve and how they can be used in different settings.

The sessions can be standalone or as part of a wider programme.

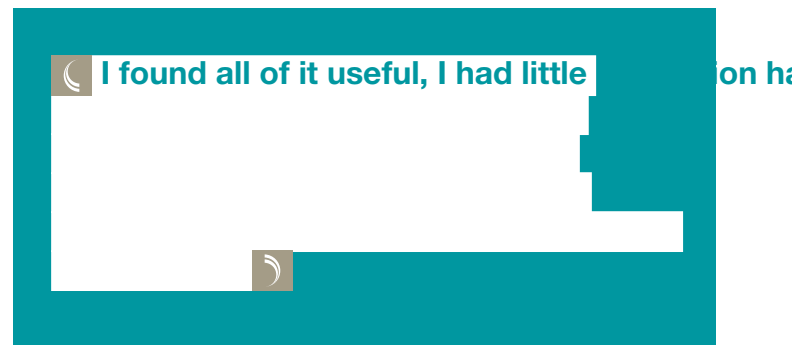
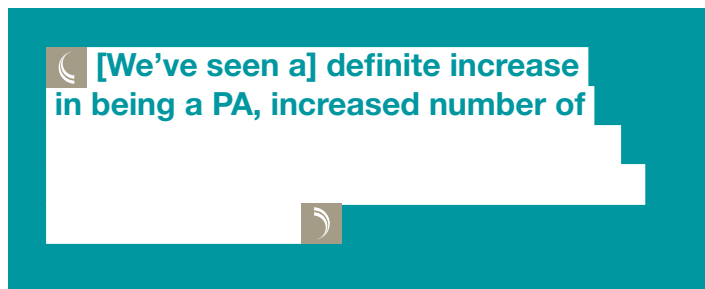
The sessions and supporting resources

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What did they learn?

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What did they achieve?



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