



LEVEL 2

HEALTHCARE SCIENCE ASSISTANT STANDARD



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We have been delivering quality apprenticeship programmes for over 10 years and our vision is to bring education and industry together for a brighter, safer world and to inspire the next generation of scientists.

We map our technical inputs to industry requirements and provide the highest quality of education possible to all our learners, supporting and enabling all of them to achieve their maximum potential. We are proud of our success rates which are above national average.

We employ experts in their field to deliver our scientific training, all of our vocational skills coaches and lecturers have industrial experience and excellent teaching credentials.

We also have in-house experience of helping our customers to set up and run exemplary, award winning apprenticeship programmes.



WHO WE ARE

We are the country's leading dedicated scientific training provider and are proud to work with some of the most innovative scientific organisations in the UK.

CSR has been delivering quality laboratory based scientific Apprenticeships since it was founded in 2006.

We are listed on the APAR (Apprenticeship Provider and Assessment Register), regulated by Skills England and monitored by Ofsted.

Some of our customers include:

- NHSBT
- Bbraun
- UKHSA
- The NHS
- Spire Healthcare

“The Level 2 apprenticeship is very enjoyable Teaching is of a very high quality, I couldn't have asked for a better learning experience”

Trudi Madden, Clinical Engineering Apprentice at Royal United Hospital, Bath

ABOUT THE LEVEL 2 HEALTHCARE SCIENCE ASSISTANCE (HCSA) APPRENTICESHIP

HCSAs contribute to safe patient care across all care pathways within hospitals and healthcare sectors.

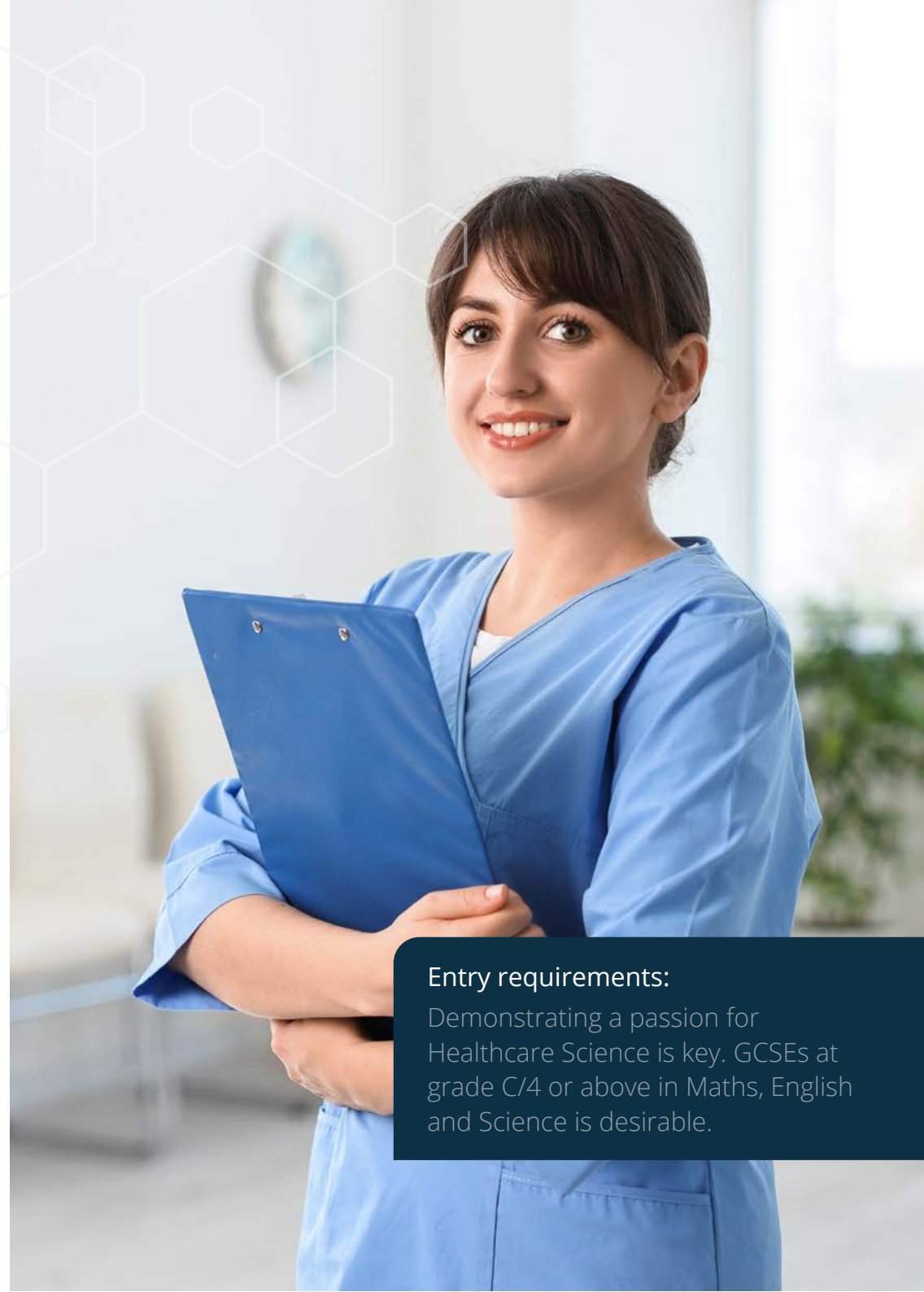
Apprentices must be in employment for the duration of the Apprenticeship. The apprentice must have access to work which provides them with the opportunities to develop, practice and evidence the knowledge and skills to meet the Standard.

A HCSA apprentice will learn:

- To work safely and to follow quality procedures.
- Regulatory requirements of the healthcare industry.
- Technical skills to fulfill their role.
To take responsibility for patient care.
- To apply a range of techniques for infection prevention and control.
- To provide general advice.

Apprentices will complete a Level 2 Healthcare Science qualification which is recognised for professional registration with The Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS).

Qualification: **BTEC Level 2 Diploma Healthcare Science**



Entry requirements:

Demonstrating a passion for Healthcare Science is key. GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in Maths, English and Science is desirable.



DELIVERY OF THE APPRENTICESHIP

We work with the employer to develop a training plan that best suits your organisation. We offer blended online teaching and assessment in the workplace with dedicated professional support to help the apprentice build their competence, confidence and skills.

Support for the Employer

If an employer is using levy funds to train a new Healthcare Science Apprentice, we can help with the recruitment process. We can advertise, sift and shortlist, with interview panel support available upon request.

Support for the Apprentice

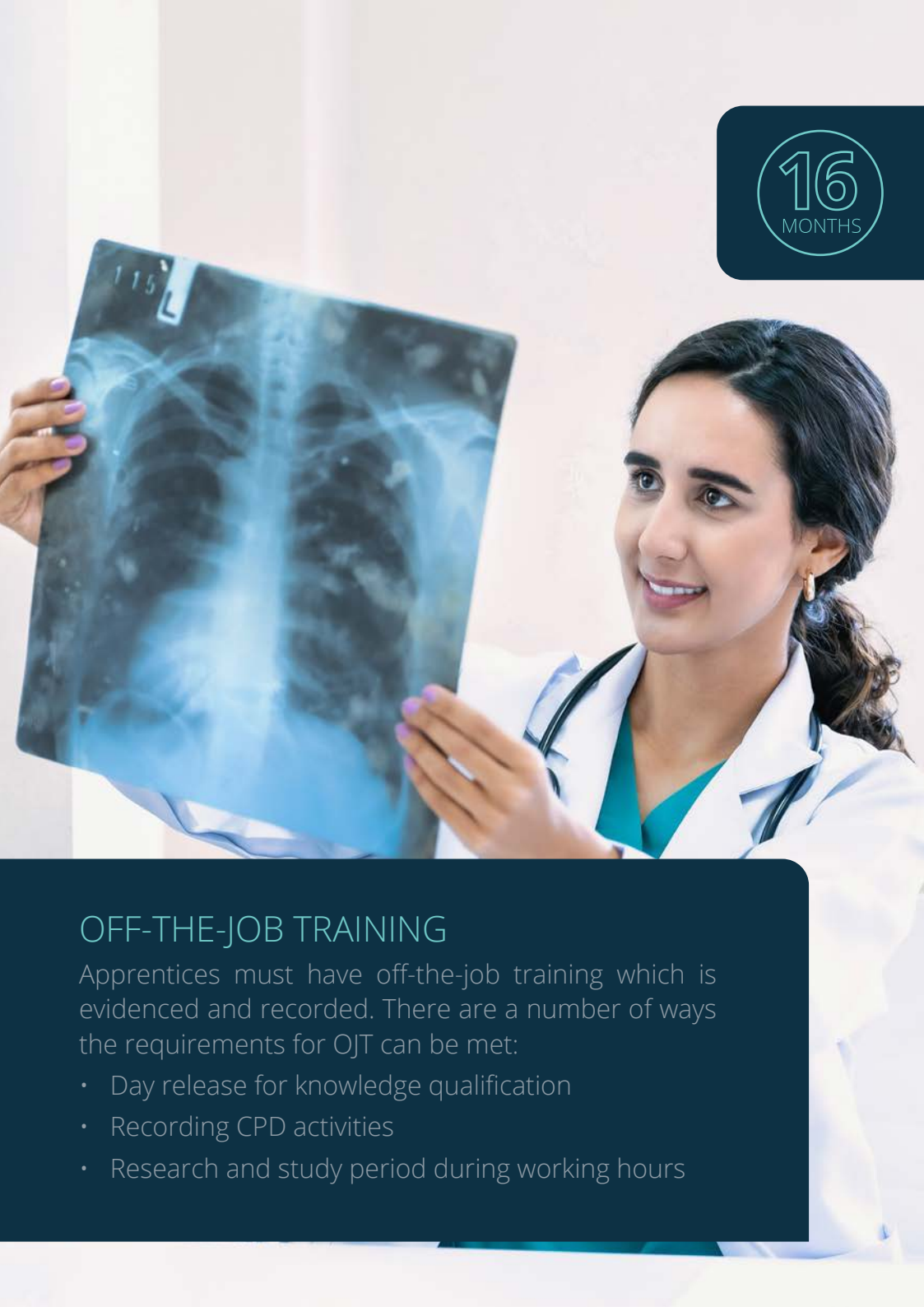
Apprentices will be supported by a qualified Lecturer, Wellbeing Team and dedicated Safeguarding Team.

Our programme support arrangements ensure that short, medium and long term objectives are monitored through a review process involving the Learner, Tutor and Employer.

We encourage the apprentices to become STEM Ambassadors and invite them to attend Outreach events to help inspire the next generation of scientific apprentices.

We also offer enrichment days at various science venues across the UK.

Delivery takes place via supported distance learning online with additional onsite visits to observe learners in the workplace.



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MONTHS

OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING

Apprentices must have off-the-job training which is evidenced and recorded. There are a number of ways the requirements for OJT can be met:

- Day release for knowledge qualification
- Recording CPD activities
- Research and study period during working hours

DURATION OF APPRENTICESHIP

Typically it will take 14 months to complete with an additional 2 months for apprenticeship assessment preparation.

CSR's Safeguarding team will monitor the welfare and safety of our learners throughout their programme. We also offer careers advice and guidance when they come to the end of their apprenticeship.

Gateway

The apprentice will reach their Gateway to Completion before going through the Apprenticeship Assessment.

The Gateway to Completion consists of:

- Achievement of a knowledge qualification. e.g. BTEC Level 2 Diploma in Healthcare Science
- Employer and CSR agree the Apprentice is ready for their Apprenticeship Assessment which CSR will help to organise.

Opportunity to Progress

Organisations that have successful Apprentices at Level 2 could use their levy funds to progress their employee onto a Level 4 Healthcare Science Associate and eventually to a Level 6 (Degree) Standard.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

The Level 2 Healthcare Science Assistant Standard is recognised by the AHCS.

FUNDING

If an employer pays the apprentice levy, they can fund their Healthcare Science Assistant apprentices through their DAS account. A maximum funding band of £8k has been set for this standard.

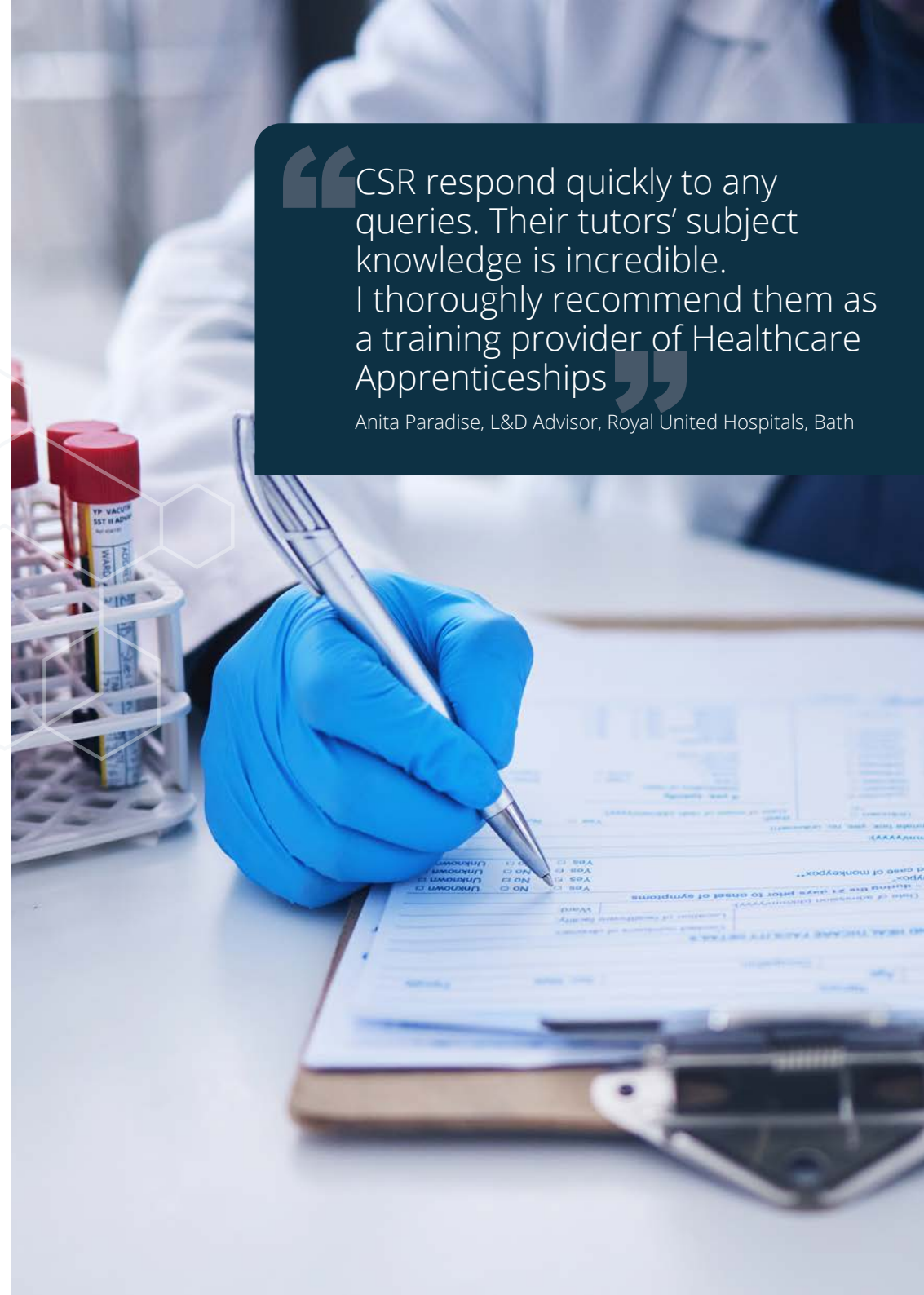
CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We love to celebrate the success of our learners and organise annual graduation ceremonies for those that have successfully completed their programmes.

We also help the employer nominate those that go above and beyond for The National Apprenticeship Awards and BTEC Apprentice of the Year.

“CSR respond quickly to any queries. Their tutors' subject knowledge is incredible. I thoroughly recommend them as a training provider of Healthcare Apprenticeships”

Anita Paradise, L&D Advisor, Royal United Hospitals, Bath





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