

Sarah Stevens

Sarah joined Forwards in November, Sarah has anxiety and used to work and this was something Sarah really wanted to do again to gain confidence and to gain a routine. Sarah was interested in working at the Kilcote inn, Sarah had an interview and they have agreed to take her on. Sarah is waiting for her access to work to approve funding.

Employer: Kilcote Inn-I spoke to Hector the manager and he was eager to work with adults with learning disabilities and agreed to take Sarah on. They were eager to support adults with learning disability into the work place.

Sarah accessed the Newent work club which helped her build on her employability skills, it was felt that she needed 1:1 support with gaining paid employment and job coaching.

Sarah's ambition was to work in a café setting and didn't believe she would be able to get a job due to her anxiety. Ben and Sarah created an action plan.

Ben contacted several employers in Newent and Gloucester, after meeting with the manager at the Kilcote Inn which is in Newent the manager wanted to meet with Sarah. The meeting was very positive and he offered her a paid job.

The Kilcote Inn is on a main busy road with no safe crossing, Sarah would not be able cross the road confidently or safely. We completed an Access to Work claim for Job Coaching and a taxi to and from work. There were little taxi providers in Newent therefore Ben contact Dial A Ride, they agreed that they can support Sarah to travel to and from work. To request a taxi funded by ATW Sarah's GP had to write a letter supporting our claim.

Throughout Sarah's journey Ben has included Sarah's mum, care provider, GP and ATW to ensure Sarah moves into paid employment.

Sarah started her job on Friday the 22nd of October doing 3 hours every Friday and with the support of her job coach is getting good feedback.