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Luke works as a senior care assistant at a residential care home that provides care to older people, including those living with dementia. His role includes:

- working within a team to provide person-centred care
- delegating tasks and supporting others to ensure shifts run smoothly
- supporting managers in covering staff rotas
- overseeing staff training
- helping managers to ensure staff have DBS checks
- booking training and providing mentoring for new staff.



Luke particularly enjoys meeting new people and getting to know the people he's supporting. He gets great job satisfaction from seeing the positive changes he and the team make to people's lives.

He later successfully applied for a senior carer role at Holme View Resource Centre. Luke left for 6 months to start a degree in mental health nursing, but soon decided that it wasn't for him as he thought his skills were best suited to a social care environment rather than a medical one. Luke had to re-apply for his senior carer position and was successful.

In this role he has completed a Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care at college as well as a Level 3 Award in Dementia and a qualification in Dementia Care Mapping at Bradford University. He's hoping to complete the council's 'Young Leader's Experience' which will give him the opportunity to work alongside one of the service directors to gain some insight into a management role.

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Luke hopes to complete a degree in social work and to focus his studies on social work with older adults.

In the future, to help him prepare for his degree, he's hoping to complete some training alongside colleagues in the social work department (something that will be supported by his employer).



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Luke would recommend working in social care as it's a very rewarding career and there are lots of opportunities to progress. He says "you can get a lot from the job" and enjoys going home at the end of the day knowing he's making a difference.

He recommends volunteering as a good way of finding out whether care is right for you. There are lots of different people you could support and it's important to find where your skills and interests lie before applying for roles.

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