***Gareth Williams – Senior Learning Support Worker***

My name is Gareth Williams. I work for Orchard Care as a Support Worker. I have been in and around foster care all of my life as my grandma has fostered for 40 years. I enjoy my job as I get on great with the children. I have worked with Orchard Care a while now and I love it compared to the years of soul-destroying factory work. I have been part of the Children Who Foster project which is designed to help the siblings/children of Foster Carers feel they part of something and not being pushed aside which we feel will help the placement.

More recently, I have expanded my work to include external training plus special training from an Occupational Therapist and staff experienced at working with people with Autism. I work with a very broad range of children, mostly in the community helping them to join in. I enjoy my work and feel that I make a difference.

I have completed my Diploma Level 3 Health and Social Care.

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