Healthcare Assistant and Assistant Practitioner questionnaire
Ian Charles White.
I currently work at Moorfields Eye Centre at Bedford Hospital as a Theatre Assistant. I have been in post for just over two years.
I took my GCSE exams and then obtained a certificate in health and social care at my local college. I then joined Bedford Hospital as an X-ray porter before progressing to become a Health Care Assistant on an orthopaedic ward. From there I was offered the opportunity to work in theatres as a Theatre Assistant. I started as a band 2 and have progressed to become a band 3.
My day involves making sure that theatre is in working order for the upcoming day list. I undertake daily checks on equipment being used to ensure that it works as it should. I unload the instruments

I can ask any of my supportive team for help. My manager is always encouraging us as a team to develop further

In my current role as a band 3 I am responsible for mentoring new staff and training them to the required standard for Moorfields.

I would like to progress to a band 4 Theatre Assistant and further my knowledge in the clinical setting.

I thoroughly enjoy my role as a Theatre Assistant. I have learnt a lot in a small space of time. I enjoy talking with my patients and the great feedback I receive from them.