

Q-Step Placement Host Profile

Trafford Domestic Abuse Services

Trafford Domestic Abuse Services hosted three Q-Step students from Manchester Metropolitan University over a three-year period.



Briefly describe the projects that placement students worked on with you.

We have hosted 3 MMU Q-Step placement students over the last 3 years. Students on placements have carried out research in the following areas:

- Abuse and the older community: The first student carried out a piece of research on the older community who have been affected by domestic abuse and if they would be known to disclose/seek support
- Children's statistics: The second student conducted a deep dive through our database to look at how many children are repeat users of TDAS services, to help us demonstrate the benefits of longer-term support and a reduction in repeat referrals
- This year, our MMU Q-Step student carried out a piece of research to explore the relationships between domestic abuse and mental health, substance misuse and child protection.

What were the main advantages arising from the placements you have hosted?

- By working with us, the students gained insight into a domestic abuse charity. They have been able to speak to the team about their experiences of working with service users and the support that is put in place for them.
- The students and the research they have carried out has had an amazing impact on TDAS. We have been able to use the findings from the students' research as evidence to support us with funding applications. One example of this is that we received funding to deliver a pilot drop-in programme for the older community; this pilot was successful, and is now a part of our permanent service delivery.

What skills did the students bring to the placements?

The MMU Q-Step students have brought commitment, enthusiasm and passion for what they wanted to research. They have brought skills to do with data and statistics/recording outcomes which has helped improve our data system, and has improved the data we collect to ensure we are receiving the most effective and efficient outcomes for funding purposes.

Would you host Q-Step students again in future?

Will we host more Q-Step students? Absolutely! We already have a Q-Step student arranged to start with us in the Autumn term: the piece of research will be around the impact of longer-term support for adults.