





An independent evaluation of Team Domenica:

Summary Report

	<p>This document provides the findings from an evaluation, that was run by the University of Kent for Team Domenica</p>
	<p>What is an ‘evaluation’?</p> <p>An evaluation is where you find out what is working well and what might not be working well in a place.</p>
 	<p>Who carried out the ‘evaluation’?</p> <p>The evaluation was carried out by two lecturers who work at the University of Kent. One was called Ceridwen and the other was called Ciara.</p> <p>Ceridwen</p> <p>Ciara</p>



What happened in the evaluation?

Ceridwen and Ciara interviewed 14 candidates about their experiences of coming to Team Domenica and their internship, placement or job.

They also created some surveys (like a questionnaire) and sent these out to:

- all candidates,
- parents,
- some employers,
- the staff who work at Team Domenica and
- the local community (like customers in the cafes).

Ceridwen and Ciara then changed the names of everyone who took part in an interview or filled out a survey, so that no-one would know who said what.



What did the evaluation find?

Candidates told us (Ceridwen and Ciara) that they felt more **confident** and **independent** since starting at Team Domenica.



Candidates also told us that they felt '**included**' when they came to Team Domenica.

Lots of candidates said they made new **friends** at Team Domenica, on their internship/placement and in their job.



Many candidates said they think that the word 'independence' means that **you can do things by yourself** without much help from others.



What else did the evaluation find?

Lots of **staff** who work at Team Domenica said that working with candidates, and other staff, were some of the **best parts** of their job!



Some staff and candidate said there were some things that could be done better at Team Domenica. For example, one suggestion was to have a **wider range of placements and internships** for candidates.



Many parents and carers who filled out their survey said they could see lots of positive changes in the candidates since coming to Team Domenica, such as more **confidence** and **happiness**.



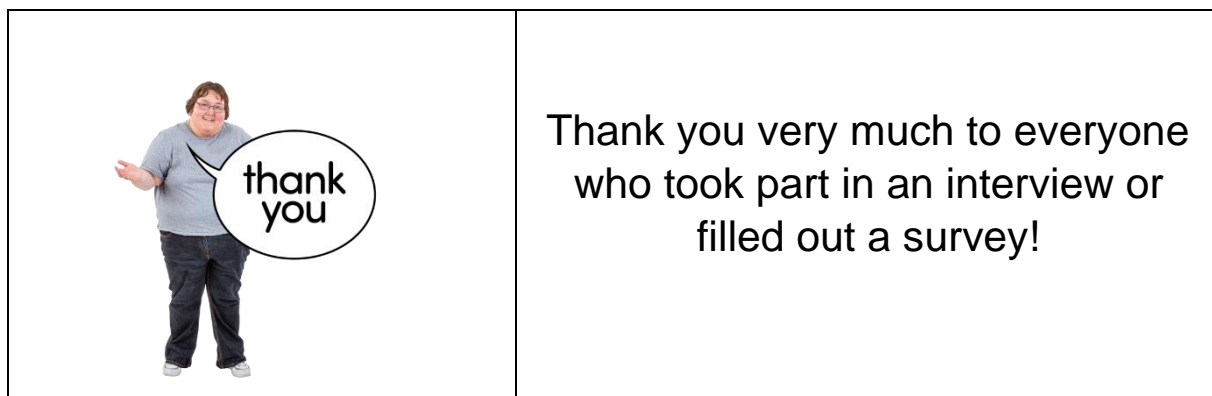
Some of the employers who filled out a survey said they had realised that people with learning disabilities and/or autism can be **excellent employees!**

Lots of people from the wider community in Brighton & Hove, such as some of the customers from the cafes, said that Team Domenica helped to create a feeling of **community** and **inclusion**.

What happens next?

Team Domenica will now use these findings to make any needed changes or improvements.

They will also use the findings to show other people the work they are doing and the difference it is making to the lives of candidates.



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