



CASE STUDY

Adrian- Trainee Compliance Engineer

WE ASKED ADRIAN, OUR TRAINEE COMPLIANCE ENGINEER, TO TELL US ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE.



Before joining OpenView, Adrian spent ten years working as a maintenance handyman in a large, prestigious office building in London. “When you know you’re working for one of the most valuable companies in the world top 20, it just feels different,” he says. “The professionalism and standards expected there teach you a lot and prepare you for future opportunities.”

Although he enjoyed the role, rising house prices and rent in London meant making a change. “When my son was born, we needed a bigger place for the wellbeing of my family.” The move to Leicester meant starting again. Adrian initially took a role at one of the HMP sites in Market Harborough, but he knew he wanted something more long-term.

“I never ever thought I could become a Compliance Engineer,” he admits. “Then I saw the advert on Indeed for a Trainee Compliance Engineer with OpenView. As soon as I saw it, something told me this is what I wanted to do.”

Although he had previously studied a small amount of electrical installation, he was effectively entering a new industry. “I was basically starting from zero, so I was anxious about how the whole process was going to work.”

Those concerns quickly settled once the training began. The eight-week programme – the CPD approved classroom and eLearning courses, and six weeks with a mentor on site – provided both



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Adrian - October 2024
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structure and real-world exposure. “The training was very practical. Being out on site with experienced engineers gave me a clear understanding of what’s expected if you want to succeed in this industry.”

More than a year on, Adrian’s commitment has translated into real progression. After starting as a Trainee Compliance Engineer, he has now moved into a Trainee Service/ Reactive Engineer role. “After just over a year, I got the opportunity to switch into reactive – and yes, it comes with more money!” he says. “It proves that if you put the effort in, there are real opportunities to move forward.”



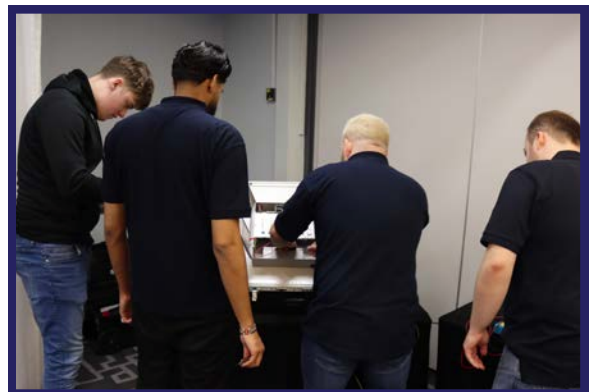
As part of his development, OpenView has funded his Level 3 qualification in Fire Alarm Systems, further strengthening his technical knowledge and credibility within the industry.



In addition, he is now receiving further training across multiple disciplines, including Access Control and CCTV, to support his transition into a fully competent reactive engineer. “It’s not just one course and that’s it – the training keeps going. That’s what gives you confidence.”

Reflecting on the journey, Adrian sees the career change as a turning point. “Moving from London to Leicester and starting again wasn’t easy, but this career change suited me perfectly.”

His advice to future trainees is simple and direct: “You’re going to be taken care of. If you put a bit of time and effort into it, you’ll fly through the process – and soon we’ll meet on site as Compliance Engineers!”



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