



Name: Adam

Job Title: HGV Rig Manager, Ipsum Drainage Solutions

What has been your career journey so far?

I left college and became a Joiner and was working in the same warehouse day after day. I then got the opportunity to join the utilities industry through a family member and have been in utilities for 10 years now. When I started my career, I didn't even have a driving license, and have now progressed to driving HGVs! I started at Ipsum in 2017. When I first started here, I was an HGV Driver/Operator supporting the HGV Rig Manager, but now I have progressed to running my own rig and being responsible day

to day for my own HGV/ Recycler as the HGV Rig Manager supporting my team member.

What does your role involve?

When I get to the yard in the morning, I carry out robust safety checks on the vehicle to make sure it is fully operational and there are no defects on the truck. I then liaise with the CCTV Rig Manager about the work scheduled for the day and he provides me with the address of the job. When we arrive on site, I go through the job plans, carry out a risk assessment and we discuss as a team the best way to approach the task at hand. We then carry out the job which will vary dependent on the package of works. My role is to operate a high-pressure water jet to clear wastewater pipes, and my colleague uses state of the art camera technology to survey the drains, checking for obstructions or defects.

What is your favourite part of the job?

I enjoy my role at Ipsum Utilities, being out and about travelling the region and meeting new people every day. I have seen so much of the country and learnt a lot, just through travelling with work. There is a huge sense of satisfaction resolving issues and helping people, keeping the wastewater networks up and running. You never know what you might come across within the drains, over the years I have seen everything from rats, hairbrushes, children's toys, keys, credit cards and historical coins! If anyone is thinking of a career change and considering the utilities sector, I would say go for it!

What training & development have you completed since being here?

- Working in High Risk Confined Spaces
- Emergency First Aid at Work
- Fit to Work Assessment
- Highways England Common Induction Course

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- Water Jetting Association (WJA) Safety Awareness Course
- Manual Handling
- CSCS (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)
- Signing; Lighting & Guarding (Working on the Highway)
- Reverse Assist
- Water Hygiene
- PTS (Personal Track Safety) - Rail