



## Barry benefits from Upskilling Scheme



Co Armagh man Barry Fegan has successfully achieved NVQ Level 2 in piling rig operations as part of the Qualifying the Existing Workforce project which aims to qualify 1000 currently unqualified, experienced, employed workers.

The project is a partnership with CITB NI, the Joint Council for the Building & Civil Engineering Industry NI and Department for Employment and Learning.

Barry has been employed as a piling rig attendant with Bullivant Tarranto, the UK and Ireland's foremost concrete and piling company for over 6 years but did not hold any formal qualifications in this area of work.

Since Barry has completed this qualification it has been a major stepping stone to a competence card which allows him to operate on sites that he previously would not have been able to work on. The qualification and card prove to contractors that Barry has the relevant skills and experience to carry out his role successfully

Barry said, "I was delighted to achieve my qualification especially as it is an area I have been working on for a number of years. The assessor was experienced in this field and had a down to earth approach to the qualification. He explained the assessment process clearly and followed up with a series of site visits. I would recommend the 'Qualifying the Existing Workforce' programme to anyone because the knowledge of the job helps gain the qualification."

Niall Woods, Operations Director, Bullivant Tarranto said, "We believe in investing in our people and to date have qualified over 48 of our staff through the Qualifying the Existing Workforce project. Barry is a prime example of someone who had the experience but not the qualification and the project helped him get qualified and give him the confidence to progress even further within the company. We found the project was easily administered alongside the assessment centres with effective end results. We hope that we can further succeed in our sector with a stronger qualified workforce."

Bullivant Taranto plan to progress Barry through to NVQ 3 Level 3 in the future where he could be in a position to use his skills and qualifications to be in a supervisory role for the company.