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### What made you decide to come into nursing/midwifery?

I wanted to be a nurse from I was little – my older relatives all lived together and many of them developed cancer and were nursed at home – as a family we provided the care for them and it made me want to do that for others – I never remember not wanting to nurse.

### What does your role entail?

My role is really varied, I am responsible for nursing recruitment, development of the workforce, writing business cases. Prior to this I have worked in the Emergency Department for 20+ years, there I did everything from a Registered Nurse to a Senior Nurse, an Emergency Nurse Practitioner where I saw, treated and discharged patients, to a Lead Nurse where I managed the three emergency departments in the Trust to Clinical Manager where I managed unscheduled care. I also had a secondment out into project posts.

### What does a typical day look like?

I come in and have a look at my diary to prioritise my day. This may involve meetings with internal and external stakeholders. It can also be workforce clinics with different areas looking at their recruitment and how we can support them. That being said, something can happen that turns my day on its head and wipe out my day to do something that needs completed urgently.

### What advice would you give someone coming into nursing?

Come in with a positive attitude, work hard, build your foundations and your reputation, that will carry you through your career. Be kind to people that you meet/care for, your attitude can make or break a person's day. It is a privilege to be able to care for people and share their difficult days.

### Anything else you would like to add?

Take every opportunity that is given to you – If you are unhappy in an area that you work, move to one that makes you happy. There are lots of opportunities so take them and always remember why you wanted to be a nurse.