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What does your current role involve?

As Associate Director for AHPs in a large Community Trust with just under 800 AHPs I provide professional leadership and advice within the Trust around workforce and new ways of working, linking with my colleagues across the system in Acute Trusts. And Adult Health and Social Care.

What was your first role after graduating?

I worked in Leicester in a mixed community post across the county working in special schools, community clinics and hospitals for people with learning disabilities

At what stage did you decide which area of the profession you wanted to work in?

As a student I had a 6 month placement in Bristol with ALD. I loved it and knew then that was what I wanted to do!

How did you progress from your first role to your current job?

I moved to Nottinghamshire for a 3 year research post to evaluate effectiveness of SLT with ALD- and stayed! Because I was always interested in inclusion, listening to others and ensuring everyone has a voice my career took me through management, into a consultant posts and then AHP leadership.

How have you used CPD to help you progress in your career?

I have taken all the opportunities I could – from CENs, to Hubs, to formal courses on clinical and leadership issues. Whatever I have done I have always reflected on, and then reflected some more and acted upon – tried to make a difference.

My advice to students looking to get into my current area of work:

All experience of ALD is great - as a volunteer, support worker or from a student placement.
Understand the policy drivers around learning disabilities.
Think holistically.