

Student Coordinator Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

What does your current role involve?

Coordinating quality student placements which are a combination of specialisms and client groups in both adult and child populations.

Students can be local, national or international!

What was your first role after graduating?

I worked in the children's SLT team in 3 community clinics which were located in different areas of Birmingham. I quickly learnt how diverse different communities could be .

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

I'm still very much a generalist but I had an early interest in student education!

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

I worked in various community clinics for 5 years and decided that I really enjoy working with communities in areas of disadvantage so chose that clinic to work in . I then completed my Masters which led onto a secondment opportunity to be a coordinator of a Child Development Centre. When the secondment finished I then applied for the role of student coordinator

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

I was the chair for the National CEN in clinical education. I was also successful in securing a Winston Churchill travelling fellowship which allowed me to research student education in Australasia and Singapore. I was able to bring back lots of learning and ideas to Birmingham

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

Remember that a clinical educator has supported you on clinical placement. You could also support students in the future. Think about what that support could look like.

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