

My Story

I joined the trust in 2004 as a Band 5 Radiographer. Whilst training as a student I was looking through various Radiography magazines and saw the advertisement for the Heart of England Trust I knew it was a large teaching trust and I was very interested in working here.

I spent time at Heartlands hospital and at Solihull hospital, after speaking to staff and thinking long and hard I chose to work at Solihull. I already had a keen interest in cross sectional Radiography and I felt I would get a good rotation through these key interest areas at Solihull as it is a slightly smaller unit so rotation is more frequent. I was given many opportunities and I attended many courses including an intermediate CT scanning course hosted by Alliance Medical, a red dot course and a mentor assessors training course all of these helped in furthering my career and knowledge.

I gained my first senior post within the first year of working at Solihull and I was rotated through all the key areas of work as well as the specialist areas such as Cardiology. I was supported every step of the way and given various roles of responsibility, for example I was involved in the procurement of our digital room, I have been actively involved with the training and mentoring of students and I was one of the core trainers for our screening room and I was involved in the room set up after installation. Consequently now I am a trainee advanced practitioner in the process of completing my Post Graduate Qualification in Barium Studies.

From the first day to the present the Trust has been very encouraging and promoted my CPD. With all the support and backing of management I feel I have achieved so much and will continue to successfully reach all my goals.

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