

# Medical Devices Trainer

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Although the role primarily involves training staff to safely use an array of medical devices throughout the NHS, it's so much more. Day to day tasks includes training new staff who have chosen to relocate to this beautiful area as well as delivering refresher training to staff who have been in post longer than they care to remember. The role also involves an element of investigation, when things don't go to plan.



No two sessions are the same. Meeting a diverse range of people and helping them understand how to best use the technology we have, really gives me a buzz. I take every opportunity to get involved in new projects, especially if it means improving the care we give to our patients or improving the knowledge of our staff. It's easy to be enthusiastic about what I do because I enjoy it so much. And I think being so enthusiastic can be infectious which in turn, promotes the job we do.

Since being in post I've really enjoyed teaching myself new skills, especially those which I can use to improve the training material we give to colleagues. I also support the Welsh learner events run by the health board too.

I joined the NHS as a nursing auxiliary, as we were called back then, similar to a healthcare assistant (HCA) now. It was going to be a temporary job, but before I knew it, I was applying for a training post as a State Enrolled Nurse (SEN) in the Maelor School of Nursing. I never thought of myself as ambitious and thought the role of the SEN would be well suited to me. Once qualified I accepted a post on Cunliffe Ward which specialised in Renal Medicine and I stayed there for a year.

I had a friend who had moved to another hospital in Cambridge and despite her tales of how differently things were done there, I wanted to see it for myself. We joked about how two nurses from North Wales would teach the big city a thing or two! I stayed there for nine years, and as well as progressing professionally, I gained a lot of good friends, whom I still keep in touch with over 30 years later.

So, from a timid student nurse, I progressed to running my own ward and later on secured a post as a Renal Clinical Services Manager. Maybe I was just a little bit ambitious, after all!



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Without the NHS I wouldn't have had the opportunities I've had to travel as part of my work and expand my skills and knowledge, which I now share with the nursing staff of the future. I truly hope that in 30 years they have as many happy memories as I have, when they look back on their careers.