



CAREER STORIES

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What is your role?

As one of the Team Lead Physiotherapists for the Inpatient Therapy team, I am responsible for the day to day organisation and clinical development of the band 5 and 6 Physiotherapists within our team. I work closely with the Team Lead Occupational therapist to identify areas for improvement within the wider therapy team, as well as creating effective working relationships with our consultants, clinical and non-clinical management, and the various therapy teams working across the trust.

What is your career journey so far?

After graduating in 2015, I developed my clinical skills working in core areas of Physiotherapy including MSK outpatients, Trauma and Orthopaedics, Stroke, Cardiac Intensive care, Cardiac rehabilitation, and Medicals at Blackpool Victoria Hospital. I was fortunate to work in the centre of clinical excellence for Cardiac and Thoracic surgery alongside a committed and forward-thinking therapy team.

I have since utilised these experiences in a number of clinical settings, including private practise, MSK triage, and MSK outpatients in the NHS where I worked as a senior Physiotherapist for 2 years. Following this, I began working at Wrightington Hospital in August 2020 as a senior rotational Physiotherapist, before successfully applying for my current role of Inpatient Team Lead.

Why WWL?

It has been lucky to work in specialist clinical areas before beginning my journey at Wrightington, and I was motivated to join a team which strives to achieve clinical excellence in their field. Working closely with the wider MDT to maintain existing standards whilst developing new ideas to achieve improved outcomes and patient experience is vital, and this is what motivates me.