

Celebrating the Year of the Nurse and Midwife

SASH nurses and midwives tell us about their NHS journey and how they have made a difference in the NHS. With Manazi Aleyas

Why did you become a nurse/midwife?

Nursing is always considered as a divine and caring profession. I decided to become a nurse as I wanted to do something challenging and would be able to make a difference in people's lives... not everyday is the same in the life of a nurse. I was passionate about this and thus making the world a better place to live in.

What was your first role?

My first role began as an ITU nurse in a multi-speciality hospital in India and later worked in Oman as a medical / surgical RN before moving to the UK.

Why did you join the NHS/your NHS journey

As I was passionate about making a positive difference to people's lives, my search to be in the best place for that brought me to the NHS. I feel proud that I'm working for one of the 'Outstanding' Trusts in the UK. My NHS journey has been a wonderful experience. I started as a staff nurse on a respiratory ward where I was privileged to work with a lovely team and was given the support needed as a new nurse. The smile of my patients and their appreciating words were the best part of my career. Presently, I am in a role within the practice development team where I'm supporting training the newly recruited nurses with their OSCE exams, making a difference in their lives and being a role model to them on how one could follow and achieve their dreams.

What do you most enjoy about working in nursing/midwifery?

The best thing that I love about nursing is the satisfaction that it gives me to help people get back to health and achieve their goals.

Where do you work now?

Currently I'm working in the practice development department as a practice development nurse (PDN) for OSCE support.

Describe your proudest moment in your nursing/midwifery career thus far?

There's been lots of proud moments for me to cherish in my nursing career thus far. Out of those, the best one was when I was promoted to be a practice development nurse helping support the new recruits in their initial phase of transition. I love my job and I have been able to influence them in a positive manner .

