

<i>Name</i>	Suzannah Lee
<i>How long have you been a nurse?</i>	38 years
<i>What inspired you to be a nurse?</i>	I was very interested in human biology and did well in this subject at school and only looked at healthcare professions. I couldn't afford to do physio training, so I went for nursing.
<i>How did you get into this career? What steps did it take since leaving school?</i>	After school I went to college on a Pre-Nursing Course including Social Biology A Level. While I was at college I worked as a care assistant in a residential home. At that time nursing was a popular career with waiting lists to start training. I applied to lots of schools of nursing and took the first place that came up.
<i>Can you tell us a bit about the training you undertook for your role?</i>	I did my RGN training in 1984. After a varied career across the UK working in A&E I became a General Manager in the Ambulance Service. When I took voluntary redundancy from this role, I started my Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) training to become a Health Visitor. I qualified in 2015 and have loved working in the community ever since.
<i>What's been the highlight of your career so far?</i>	There are many highlights – it is difficult to pick one. Each of my career changes has given me incredible opportunities and being in the NHS there are many paths to choose. I think the most important one was starting my nurse training
<i>What do you like most about being a nurse?</i>	It has always been about making a positive difference to others.
<i>What's the most challenging part of being a nurse?</i>	The emotional rollercoaster.

<i>What are the main skills needed to do your role?</i>	As a 0-19 Team Manager, being a SCPHN and having some management knowledge and experience. More importantly, I believe this role takes compassion, kindness, honesty, courage and above all being a human amongst humans.
<i>Do you have any advice for the next generation of nurses?</i>	Be open to all the opportunities that nurse training has to offer. Take courageous steps, work and study to the best of your ability.
<i>My wish for the future of nursing is...</i>	For the workforce to bloom once again with enthusiasm and commitment.