

## Kelly Davidson

**Currently working as...** a Senior Sister and Nurse Practitioner in ED

**Joined the RUH as...** a Staff Nurse, originally working in Theatres

**How long have you been at the RUH?** 10 years, except for a short spell in Australia.

**Where do you live?** Bath

**Where are you from originally?** Glastonbury in Somerset

“I came here for an open day when I was newly qualified. I went to see three or four different hospitals, but as soon as I came to the RUH I knew it was where I wanted to be. I remember talking to a really inspiring Nurse Practitioner and thinking ‘I want to be one of those!’

“I started my career working in Theatres at the RUH, before heading out to Australia for a while. Following my return, I decided it was time for a fresh challenge and made the switch to working in ED.

“In the beginning I was not focussing on progressing up the career ladder, but my senior colleagues recognised the potential in me and encouraged me to train – first to gain advanced skills in ED, such as suturing and plastering, and later to study for a Masters whilst I was working to become a senior sister. They also put me forward as an ‘emerging leader’ course run by the NHS Leadership Academy.

“I am now on a secondment as a lecturer at the University of the West of England. I feel very happy to have got where I am now – and all at the tender age of 33!

“The RUH is a really tight-knit family. In ED, there’s a strong core of senior staff who have all come up through the ranks together and bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. It’s an incredibly supportive environment in which you have every opportunity to fulfil your potential.”

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