## Royal United Hospitals Bath

## **Mandy Blunsdon**

Role: Junior Sister, Chemotherapy

Mandy has worked in Chemotherapy Outpatients and William Budd Day Care for almost 18 months and has nursed cancer patients since 1998.

"Like many of my colleagues, I never set out to do oncology nursing, but I like it, it's something to be proud of – cancer touches everyone.

"In the 18 years that I've been nursing, I've seen lots of changes. Cancer care and treatments are always developing with plenty of ongoing research; it's a really exciting place to work.



"We're always really busy in Chemotherapy, there's always plenty

to keep us occupied. We have a constant flow of patients, it can be up to 50 a day, but we get to know our patients really well and build up a good rapport. The patients come to us for curative treatment, palliative care and treatment for ongoing symptoms.

"The team is so important when you're busy and working in what can be an emotional environment, luckily we're a really tight team and get on very well, we know that supporting each other is so important.

"Our jobs are so important and I am so proud of what we all do every day."