

QN Annual Meeting
28 March 2022

'My proudest moment in nursing in the last year'

'I think my proudest moments over the past year have been sharing the enjoyment and sense of achievement when working with our Newly Qualified Nurses in the Community. From June 2021 until Jan 2022, I was asked to support the Community Nursing Teams by working alongside those members of the team identified by the Team Managers as needing support in practice. I went out on patient visits with each nurse, identified their learning needs and then worked alongside them supporting, nurturing, and scaffolding their learning. Seeing them gradually gain confidence and grow into independent practitioners made me proud. They were proud of themselves as well when we signed off on competencies building their clinical skills, and they were able to ask questions on a one-to-one basis allowing them problem solve in a safe space. They were also able to experience more challenging situations than usual as they were working alongside an experienced District Nurse. We developed a trusting relationship which allowed me to act as a critical friend and supervisor allowing the nurses to express fears, concerns, and problems freely which could be addressed quickly improving retention. This work also supported me to obtain a PGCE in Practice Education.'

Gail Goddard, Queen's Nurse