



# Career Conversations

Operations Care Home Manager, Davison, tells us about a typical day in his role as well as its highlights and his inspiration.



Meeting Davison at a conference on nurse practice learning, I took the opportunity to ask him a few questions.

“What inspired you into the role of Operations Care Home Manager”. I asked.

“Well a major influence was working as a community matron where I supported care homes.” he replied with a smile.

“During the time, I gained an interest in the field as a whole, both the operational side and the mission side, and realised the importance of both, in achieving better care for residents.”

Speaking to Davison further it was clear he was certainly committed to improving care and loved his job. I asked him what his favourite aspects were.

“I love the challenges it presents me” he replied. “Bringing together the operational aspects and the care giving aspects” Almost without pause for breath he continued, “I love meeting people

from various backgrounds, the residents their families. Helping the residents settle in. Helping to support the family, who often have had to make very difficult decisions.”

“Could you describe a typical day?” I asked?

“No two days are the same.” he replied with a laugh, “but for example: Monday Morning you come in, review any incidents or accidents over the weekend. See if any residents have been discharged, or sent to hospital.

Later on that morning, we would have a managers meeting to plan for the week ahead. Make sure the facilities people and resources are adequately/properly allocated for the week ahead. It’s never boring.”

So you enjoy the variety? Would you recommend Care Home Nursing in general to students or newly qualified nurses?

“Of course, yes! There’s lots of opportunity to learn. Lots of clinical skills, lots of social care. If you come into care home nursing, you’ll experience a whole new side of nursing”