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I am a Registered Nurse for Learning Disabilities (RNLD) and have a BSc in Community Learning Disability Nursing, recently completing the NMAHP eHealth Leadership Programme. It has been my honour to support others to overcome the challenges life throws at them.

I am a Team Leader for a fantastic group of nurses and MDT. I trained in 1983 at Forth Valley College of Nursing and Midwifery. My first job was in the Royal Scottish National Hospital in Larbert before moving to Guernsey for 5 years where I became a charge nurse before returning to Scotland.

I entered learning disability (LD) nursing in 1983. My mum was a midwife and my brother was a LD nurse at the Royal Scottish National Hospital in Larbert (RSNH). Once I started on a LD nursing career path I knew this was the job I wanted to do and never looked back. It has been the best job and allowed me to meet diverse and interesting people with disabilities. Supporting them and being in their lives has changed the way I see things and I would hope made me a better for it.

My work experience has covered children to older people and has equipped me to support people with a learning disability in difficult and turbulent times in their lives. My most rewarding time was during the hospital closure programme, facilitating person centered plans (PCPs). It was a fulfilling few years and allowed me to work with individuals in a new and exciting way. It was the most positive experience in my career, and I hope it has resulted in positive life choices for the people who I helped move on. This approach has shaped my career and my approach to supporting people with learning disabilities, carers and staff.

I endeavour to support LD Nurses to deliver effective and efficient health care in a meaningful and person-centred way. People's lives have been changed for the better, as has mine by getting to know and understand them and what's important to them.