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Are you listening?

A Career in Audiology (hearing and balance) & Healthcare Science
(over 50 science careers within the NHS)



The sciences were always my favourite subjects at school. After initially training as a bio-medical scientist at Glasgow Cale, I retrained as an Audiologist through a trainee program in Glasgow Royal in 1993.



I worked across Glasgow and I'm now based at Stirling Royal Audiology which has won team of the year twice since I joined in 2005. I am a specialist Adult Audiologist and my skills lie in difficult to treat patients, especially in acquired deafness.

I graduated with a Pg cert in Leadership & Management in 2010 and I'm currently seconded to NES for Healthcare Science Development work.

The best things about being an Audiologist are the hours, generally Mon-Fri 8.30am to 5pm, great teams and the fantastic feeling you get in helping people hear again. I think I've saved a few marriages in my time!

Don't let the press fool you, working for the NHS is still fantastic and there are always opportunities to be had if you grab them. Who knows what you will find? I even met my husband of 14 years in Audiology.



I wanted to get awareness of professions within Healthcare Science, Life, Physiological and Physical, raised in schools as an alternative to careers in the more commonly known areas such as Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions. 40% of Healthcare Science (HCS) staff is due to retire in the next 10 years and so the future of HCS professions lies in the hands of our children.