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Biography

Qualifying as a State Registered Nurse 30 years ago, then as a Health Visitor, I worked in a wide variety of acute and primary healthcare settings over ten years, spending the next ten years as a nurse and health worker trainer with aid and development agencies in the Amazon and Africa.

Returning to the UK, and working as a Practice Nurse, I became interested in the increasing use of computers in general practice – their potential, and how GP practices have accommodated the changed work processes and competencies required to develop and maintain clinical records on computer.

I designed and delivered training on summarising medical records/clinical coding to groups and individually at GP practices for a PCT. I later joined a PCT as a Quality Improvement Facilitator supporting the Trust's wider clinical governance strategy including the data requirements of the new GMS contract. I have promoted PCT engagement with PRIMIS+ to enable further support for practices in improving data quality.

I recently completed an MSc in Health Informatics with University of Central Lancashire and have a particular interest in the quality of training and support to all primary healthcare staff who contribute to electronic medical records, helping ensure safe, appropriate care.