



# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF....

# Carmel Parker



**Profession:** RGN (Adult)

**Banding:** 8a

**Job Title:** Lead Transfusion  
Practitioner (Matron)

**Team or Lone:** team x6 RGN x2  
Admin Coordinators

**Hospital size:** 10 sites, 2936 beds

**Red Cells/year:** 49,000

# James Davies



**Profession:** BMS

**Banding:** 8a

**Job Title:** Senior Transfusion  
Practitioner & BloodTracking Lead

**Team or Lone:** Team (5.5 TP, 1 PBM,  
2 admin)

**Hospital size:** 3 sites, 1300 beds

**Red Cells/year :** 28,000 on main  
site

# How I got here - James

- Trainee BMS (MLSO!) & BMS 1 in DGH – Haematology & Transfusion (1998)
- Senior BMS– Coagulation & Transfusion
- Anticoagulation clinic, Training Officer, IBMS Portfolio assessor
- VSO (Voluntary Service Overseas) placement in Tanzania: Improving transfusion laboratory and clinical services (2012)
- Laboratory manager in Bone Marrow registry laboratory
- TP Band 7 at King's (2016)
- TP Band 8a at King's

# How I got here - Carmel

- Adult RGN since 1987
- All the 'ologys - Haem/Immu/Gastro/Endo/Rheum
- Critical Care – senior 6 and PBE
- Following a really bad night shift put in an application for a band 6 TP role!
- TP since 2008 from 6 to 8a for Manchester University NHS FT

# What do I do?

- Usual TP stuff
  - Training
  - Incident investigation
  - Governance / Policies
  - Audit
  - Traceability
  - Service improvement
- Specialisms
  - BloodTrack system lead
    - System manager / fault resolution/ improvements /validation /training
  - EPR design & implementation project
  - Project Management
  - PSIRF incident investigation methodologies (SEIPS)
  - Deputy Chair of London TP group

What do I do?

**IMPROVISE, ADAPT,  
OVERCOME: UNLEASH  
YOUR INNER**

**Transfusion  
Practitioner**



# Differences

- Clinical 'V' Laboratory
- Line management
- Trust Structure – TP under Laboratory Haem/ Clinical Haem
- Laboratory NHS / Private
- Specialisms – Clinical /IT

# Similarities

- Trouble shoot!
- Mediate
- Communicate
- Working in a team
- Service development /improvement
- Figureheads
- Governance
- Audit/Research
- Policy/guideline
- Resource for colleagues/ services
- Public engagements
- Education & Training



Thank you  
for listening

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