

NURSING - VARIETY

Mercy Maponga - (Health Visitor)

"Initially when I started my training I wanted to go and work in residential homes and then during my training I realised oh my god there was so much to nursing. You are spoilt for choice. Because there is so much to do I am going to sample all the areas that I would like to work in before I choose which path I'm going to take."

Kate Slater - (Senior Development Manager for public health)

"My career has certainly taken me in all kinds of different angles. That's what's so brilliant about it. You develop skills as you go along that take you in a different direction. You do that for a while and then you can go and do something completely different. But its the skills that kind of run through everything that you do."

Duncan Burton - (Head of Nursing for the medicine board - UCLH)

"I'm a strong advocate of the NHS. I've worked in the NHS for 12, 15 years now and I intend to for the rest of my career. I think the good thing about working in the NHS is you can move your skills anywhere and certainly it covers the entire country you can transfer between different towns, you can transfer between different roles, different career pathways. You can move in clinical roles you can move to perhaps more managerial roles, more leadership roles. We've got nurses that work on IT projects for example."

John Welch - (Nurse Consultant in critical care)

"You can work as a teacher, so you can be part of the academic world if that's what you choose. You can definitely work in research if that's what you choose also relating the clinical experience to the research setting and bringing the two together. What it offers is the opportunity to try lots of different things..."

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"...and see what you like. As long as your heart is there in terms of improving the patient experience, improving patient care, you can do that in so many different ways that I think its a perfect career for somebody that's looking for diversity and a challenge."