

Authors in this Issue

Angela Dempsey: Angela is working as a practice nurse and now safeguarding lead with a busy inner-city GP practice looking after patients of all ages with a variety of medical conditions, both chronic and acute. She also has had experience working in Accident and Emergency care in a very busy hospital in the North West of England. Angela has a particular interest in safeguarding and her role as a practice nurse gives her a lot of exposure to it. Recently undertaking a module on safeguarding has helped her to identify gaps in her knowledge whilst using the knowledge gained during the module to improve her practice.

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Danielle Mather: Danielle is a newly qualified Registered Nurse working on a female surgical ward on the Isle of Man. She studied Adult Nursing at Liverpool John Moores University (LJMU) and gained a first class honours degree. Whilst studying at LJMU, she gained an interest in surgical and emergency nursing whilst participating in placements within a busy city hospital.

Prior to commencing her final year of study, she lost someone very close to her from asthma. This led her to develop a passion for respiratory nursing and she chose to focus on asthma for the summative assignments she completed in her final year. Her article for this journal is dedicated to Stuart Baggs who is missed by many every day.

Hannah Oldfield: Hannah is a student nurse in her second year of training to become an adult nurse. She has experienced numerous clinical placements (renal ward, urology ward and orthopaedic clinic), and found that I enjoy working in an acute setting. Having worked on several hospital wards, she has found long term conditions to be particularly interesting. The article she has written presents a vignette of her experience on a renal ward, which she believes helped her to develop her understanding of both the science underpinning long term conditions alongside the nursing care provided to this group of patients.

Pat Clarke: RGN, RHV, BSc (Hons), M Res, MA (Ed Man). Pat is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing & Allied Health at Liverpool John Moores University. She is also a senior fellow with the higher education academy. Pat was nominated for the 'Amazing Teacher' award in 2013 and 'Amazing Personal Tutor' in 2015. She is the representative for LJMU on the ELLAN (European Later Life Active Network) project contributing to the development of a European Core Competency Framework for Health and Social Care Professionals.

She manages a safeguarding module for qualified staff and teaches it alongside a social work colleague. Pat is very interested in safeguarding and has written a discussion about using a whistleblowing policy in practice.