

# Kelly Bill – Neurophysiology

Hello my name is Kelly Bill I am a clinical scientist working within the field of Neurophysiology.

In 1994 I started working as a trainee Neurophysiology Technologist at City Hospital in Birmingham - this still only feels like yesterday! 28 years later and I am the Clinical Service Manager at Worcestershire Acute Hospitals. Over this time, I have worked through the many changes and challenges that have faced Neurophysiology and the NHS over the years.

When people ask how did you get into neurophysiology, the answer is simple, by accident. I think it's fair to say this is probably the response for most of us working in Neurophysiology.

However, I love my job today as much as the first day I started.

What is Neurophysiology? It is a predominantly diagnostic field that is concerned with investigating the function of the central and peripheral nervous system. It is a patient facing speciality working on both adults and paediatrics. Therefore, it is diverse and offers a wide range of skills and knowledge.

My route into Neurophysiology was through the MPPM (medical Physics and Physiological measurement) training programme at Matthew Bolton College. I was 16 years old, having just done my GCSE's and never worked in a Hospital. I remember the overwhelming feeling of 'what have I done', all of my friends were off doing A levels and I was going to work, to learn a career. However, I have never looked back. Every stage of my career has been supported by training and development.

Neurophysiology is a career with a clear career pathway. Development through accredited training routes allows individuals to obtain skills and knowledge from practitioner to consultant scientist.

Education and training is one of my passions and I have been directly involved with our professional body ANS (EPTA), since around 2000, mainly as support to the Education subcommittee which strives to equip our workforce with the skills, knowledge and confidence to meet the ever increasing demands of the services that we provide.

Health care science is often the forgotten area of the NHS but it must not be forgotten and raising awareness is paramount to ensuring that.

