

## Case study:

### Clare, Stroke Assessor



Clare has worked at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) for two years after joining as a staff nurse from a London Trust.

She initially cared for patients on the Trust's stroke rehabilitation unit before moving to our Acute Stroke Unit based at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

"I studied for three years in London then worked at a London hospital for 18 months, but was keen to move closer to my family in Tunbridge Wells.

"I was delighted to be offered a role at MTW and have received a lot of support in developing my career here.

"After moving to the ASU, I was trained in Thrombolysis, which means I assess patients who come into A&E with a suspected stroke. I also care for stroke patients on the ward.

"I have recently been promoted to a Band 6 Stroke Assessor role and my goal is to become a Clinical Nurse Specialist.

"The team at MTW is so friendly and supportive and I thoroughly enjoy working here. I've been given a lot of additional training and career development opportunities - plus the hospital is really close to where I live, so I get the benefits of a busy and challenging role with a short commute."