



Karen's story

Karen has stepped forward to support her local Trust in the fight against COVID-19. With 37 years of nursing experience and expertise, Karen has joined NHS Professionals (NHSP) through Rapid Response to help with pandemic pressures and to provide essential patient care, after only recently retiring.

Thank you, Karen, for supporting the NHS in its time of need - you're truly an NHS Hero!

1. How long have you been nursing for?

I've been nursing for 37 years.

2. Why did you decide to join NHSP via Rapid Response?

Keeping track with the daily challenges through social media, I felt I could not sit by and watch my colleagues struggling to cope with the magnitude of this pandemic.

3. How did it make you feel being able to join our Rapid Response to help the NHS?

Nursing is a rewarding vocation and it pleases me I can continue to utilise my skills.

4. What does it mean to you to support the NHS and your local community?

I feel proud of being part of a workforce who are committed and unite in challenging times as we are currently.

5. How do you feel about returning to nursing after retiring?

I retired at the end of October last year, so it had not been that long my skills and knowledge are still fresh in my mind I feel confident in returning to support my colleagues.

6. What do you enjoy most about nursing?

Teamwork. We all strive for the same goal to care for our patients with compassion and dignity.