

Royal College of Nursing

Estephanie Dunn, Regional Director for the Royal College of Nursing said: “ Recognising the contribution of the nursing profession in this way is very special and this is an extremely thoughtful tribute from the Isle of Man Post Office. Florence Nightingale is probably the most iconic nurse in history and the most prevalent in our profession and so using her image with resonate with many.

“We are currently in unprecedented times and the celebration of the year of the Nurse and Midwife should not be over shadowed with the current pandemic. Nurses, alongside other healthcare staff have stepped up to the mark and are heroes. Their commitment and dedication to nursing is really shining through during this pandemic situation and I thank each and every one of them for all they doing.”

Quote from the Isle of Man’s Director of Nursing

Cath Quilliam, Director of Nursing on the Isle of Man said, “It is almost one hundred years since the General Nursing Council for England and Wales approved Nobles Hospital as a training school. Since that time, our nurses and midwives have played an invaluable role in delivering essential health services to the Manx population. Undeterred by periods of economic or social hardship, nurses and midwives have continued to undertake their roles with compassion, professionalism and integrity; always ensuring the needs of their patients remained a priority.

“Since qualifying in 1982, I have witnessed significant advances in the nursing and midwifery professions; many of which have resulted in increased autonomy for practitioners. Not only has this led to improved care delivery, it acknowledges the true worth of nurses and midwives.

“I am proud to represent such noble professionals; and sincerely thank IOM nurses and midwives - past and present - for their commitment to patient care.”

The following quotes are from practising or retired nurses

“Nursing was always my first choice of career from a very early age. I felt very proud to be a Nobles Hospital trained Nurse.

“Nursing to me means caring compassion patience and above all respect for the dignity of the people I cared for, all of the above reflect the ‘Science of Nursing’.”

Gwen, Clinical Nurse Manager

“I could say a lot about touching patients’ lives but for me; turning around a desperate situation, imparting specialist knowledge and teaching the patient to take back control and flourish into the ‘expert patient’ is the most inspiring and rewarding part of the role!

“As an advanced practitioner life is never boring or predictable. The expert knowledge and skills you possess can turn a human tragedy into one that the patient can not only, learn to live and cope with, but can flourishing (sic) with!”

Christina, Renal Clinical Nurse Specialist.

“Having trained in Nobles Hospital and then travelled the country and worked in many different hospital settings; I have come to see that the training and sharing of knowledge I had by my wonderful peers and friends in Nobles was the best gift bestowed upon me. That ethos of working excellence has served me so well in my career over the last 32 years. My training and career in Nobles Hospital was one of the happiest times of my life that I’ve always cherished.”

Gethin, RGN, RSCN, Emergency Nurse Practitioner, Belfast.

“The excellent training I received at Nobles Hospital enabled me to further my career and give the best of care to our Service Men and Women during recent world conflicts and peacetime deployments. I am humbled and privileged to wear my Nobles (IOM) Nursing badge.”

Lynne, RGN.SEN. Senior Practice Nurse, Royal Air Force (Defence Primary Healthcare).

“Nobles training was the best you could get, we were encouraged and supported all the time. It was great fun. Nurses I trained with went on to work all over the world which only proves how good our training was. I am now retired but finding it hard to let go and still work shifts in AED. This is the work I enjoy giving me great satisfaction caring for people plus working alongside amazing colleagues.”

Brian, SRN, Orthopaedic Nurse Practitioner, Senior Nurse, Part time night manager (retired)

“My Mum is a retired nurse and inspired my career choice, I never remember wanting to do anything else. I trained at Noble's Hospital in 1991 and continue to work there today. I love being a nurse, it is an honour and privilege to be able to help make a difference to the lives of the patients I meet.”

Tracey, Sister, Pre-Op Assessment

“Midwives are present not only for the births of babies but also for the births of parents and families. I feel privileged to be a Nobles Midwife sharing this special time with Manx families.”

Barbara, RM, Head of Midwifery.

“It is a privilege to have worked at Noble's hospital for the majority of my career, at times of great joy, and at times of great sorrow – sharing precious moments with patients, families and colleagues. It is now my privilege to serve as an MHK on DHSC helping to shape the future of our health and care services.”

Clare, RN, MHK

“My inspiration as a Nurse was my Great Aunt, who was a Field Nurse during WW2, meeting Casualties from Dunkirk. My motivation is to care and support people alongside my peers. Being a Nurse provides great camaraderie and we all have one common goal.”

Jenny, EN RN BSc Hons.

“Nursing has shaped and defined me as a person. The opportunity to have had a career caring has truly been an honour and a privilege. Seeing students develop into caring professionals was equally gratifying. Money as a reward will never match making a difference to a person.”

Jean, RN, RSCN, RT, Nurse Tutor

“I'm so proud and privileged to be a Noble's trained nurse as it has opened the doors to a fantastic nursing career for be both in Canada and Germany. I wear my Noble's nursing badge everyday with pride.”

Elizabeth, RGN.

“I qualified in 1976 at Noble's and I am still nursing there today. Every day is different and I get to engage and help the Manx Community.”

Barbara, Registered Nurse.

“At Noble's we all looked after each other in a fun and nurturing environment where we learnt to be caring nurses of the highest standards.”

Alison, RN, Clinical Nurse.

“I didn’t have a ‘lightbulb moment’. My two paternal aunts were registered Nurses and I always knew that was what I wanted to do from a very early age. I started my training in 1969 and was very proud to have trained at Noble’s because our training school was recognise[d] throughout the British Isles as being one of the best. I derived great satisfaction from looking after my patients well until I retired after 43 years.”

Julie, RN.

“I always knew that I would be a nurse, my proudest moment was being accepted into nurse training and this pride stayed with me throughout my 34 years nursing at Noble’s, whatever my role was in. Feeling I was in some small way making a difference to someone’s life or death was always my motivation.”

Viv, SEN, RN DIPHE, Senior Ward Sister

“The training I received at Nobles Hospital is, and always has, stood me in good stead to adapt to any situation, particularly now in the midst of this COVID-19 Pandemic.”

Sarah, Nurse Practitioner

“I am proud to say that I trained at Noble’s Hospital 30 years ago, I have had many great opportunities throughout my career and I am honoured to say that I was the first Nurse Consultant on the Isle of Man. This diverse role enabled me to be involved in the advancement of Emergency nursing both on the Island and nationally with the ultimate aim of improving patient care.”

Martin, MSC, BSc (Hons), PGDip, DipHE, FFEN, AFHEA, ALNP, RN.

“It is a privilege to be a Nobles trained nurse. My whole career has given me enormous satisfaction and pleasure serving our Island community.”

Jean, RN, RM. Senior Nurse Manager

Quote from the Chief Nursing Officer for England

“As Nurses, we often don’t take the time to stop and assess the impact we have on people. We don’t recognise our own worth. I want you all to know that you are essential to your workplaces – be it a hospital, care home, community or surgery. I am proud of you all and I want you to feel proud of what you achieve each day.”

Ruth Hall, Chief Nursing Officer for England.

Famous Quotes about Nursing

“It’s not how much we do but how much love we put into the doing. Every time you smile at someone it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.”

Mother Teresa

“When you are a Nurse you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours.”

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