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I was at HSMC from 2007-2010, doing the Postgraduate Certificate in Health and Public Leadership as part of the NHS Graduate Scheme, then doing my dissertation to finish the MSc.

I am currently a service manager at Kettering General Hospital, having spent the last 12 months on secondment, project managing Northamptonshire's Community Elderly Care Service, an integrated care model across primary, community, acute, mental health and social care, involving public and third sectors. The project has not only improved care for the elderly population of Northamptonshire but has also achieved significant savings across the health and social care economy - something that my time at HSMC really prepared me for.

My really significant memory however was on graduation day, when both my wife and my parents accompanied me. My mum had said that when she did her preliminary nursing training she stayed very close to the campus of the University of Birmingham, but when we went for the party after the ceremony it turned out that my mum actually lived in Park House when she did her preliminary nursing training in 1959. We explained this to Professor Glasby and he offered to show her around, and it transpired that Professor Glasby's office had been the bedroom that my mum had shared with 3 other trainee nurses 51 years previously! This was a real coincidence, and really nice of Professor Glasby to show my mum around all those years later. She still tells her friends from preliminary training when they catch up at various reunions.