

## Alumni profiles - Jenny Gough

Masters of Public Health (MPH), 2003

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### How has your career developed since graduating from the University of Birmingham?

My background is in Nursing and Health Visiting. I had a secondment into the public health department, where the current Director suggested I did a Master's degree in order to progress my career. Following completion of my degree, I have been successful in obtaining a Nurse Consultant post in public health. I then did the Faculty of Public Health portfolio and once registered I then progressed to Assistant Director and Deputy Director posts. Without the MPH, and the support of my Director, none of this would have been possible.

### What is the best thing about the job you are doing now?

The post enables me to deliver public health in a very challenging environment, with a diverse population and variety of needs. It also enables me to pass on skills to students, including medics etc.

### What did you think were the best points of the course and the University?

I found the staff, tutors etc extremely helpful, especially in areas where my experience was limited. Nothing was too much trouble and extra tuition was available when needed. My peers also provided good support at a professional level. There was also a good level of teaching and interactive working.

### What advice would you give to current students studying on the course?

Make the most of it! You will benefit from the course every day in your working life.

### How did you grow as a person by studying at University? Did it change your life in any way?

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