

A Great Place to Work: Video Transcript

**Caroline Becher
(Chief Nurse)**

My name is Caroline Becher and I am the Chief Nurse here at Ashford and St Peter's.

Well I'm wanting to build a workforce that's got the same sort of values as mine. I've got a reputation of not doing mediocre and I want staff that will walk tall, be proud, look people in the eye and work as a team.

**Michelle Langston
(Midwife)**

I started at Ashford and St Peter's nine years ago as a maternity assistant just to follow my dream really to become a midwife.

The Trust has been very supportive and aware I have four children at home so I committed myself to 26 hours because I knew I could give a 100% to my job and my family at the same time and also have the time and the opportunities to extend my skills and go on to further training opportunities.

**John Dutton
(Charge Nurse A&E)**

I started working at Ashford and St Peter's because I actually did my nurse training in this Trust and I wanted an easier transition from being a student nurse to a staff nurse and since then I just found that I really like it and I decided to stay and I've been here about five years.

The atmosphere in A&E is very friendly. The staff are great, if you ever need support, it's always there. You're never alone and feel overwhelmed with what's going on, it is very nice.

**Gilbert Chishaya
(Operating Theatre
Practitioner)**

My career has developed immensely while I have been at Ashford and St Peter's. I started of in 2002 as a registered nurse and now I'm a deputy team leader at St Peter's doing Anaesthetics. During that period, I've been able to get a degree and working on getting my Masters.

**Edmund Cartwright
(Matron)**

At the Trust, we look for people who are going to be good team, part of a dynamic and enthusiastic team with good communication skills and who will put our patients first. We

want them to make sure patients are at the heart of everything that we do here.

Punan Patel
(Physiotherapist)

Best thing about working here at Ashford Hospital is probably the people around me. You get continuous help, you get continuous feedback and if there is any problems it's sorted out straightaway.

Edmund Cartwright

We're really lucky here at the Trust that we are available to offer flexible working to members of staff wherever possible to fit in with their family lives and personal commitments.

We're also lucky that the Trust is ideally placed. We've got links into London via train and bus, and we are surrounded by beautiful countryside and we do in the summer organise picnics and games out in the park.

Caroline Becher

Recruitment has been a really high priority for me and I've insisted on being involved in as many interviews as I can. I don't want just any old nurse; I want the very best nurses we can recruit to give patient care.

Jason Nwese
(Senior Operating
Theatre Practitioner)

The best thing about my job is working with so many different people and disciplines within one department or within one big Trust. And also the training here as well, the training is almost second to none. It's something I enjoy as well, it's almost like doing something I like as well so it's kind of nice for me.

Caroline Becher

Well I'm genuinely loving working here. I'm excited and passionate about the care we're giving. If you feel like you share those values, then please come and join my team.