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With the changing face of Primary Care becoming increasingly more complex, with an increasing workload and intensity and the focus on out of hospital care, Paramedics are seen as a stable part of the new workforce.

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SUPPORTING PLACE BASED LEARNING FOR PARAMEDICS

The Workforce Leads have focused on increasing the increasing the capacity of pre reg paramedic placements since a pilot conducted in collaboration with Canterbury Christ Church University. Direct entry Pre Reg Paramedic Placements, for those undertaking the BSc (Hons) Paramedic Science degree as a route to registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) as a Paramedic, are now considered the norm within Primary Care. Indeed placement opportunities have increased to include those students employed within the local Ambulance Service.

Since 2017 this has resulted in 114 placements across Kent and Medway.

TRAINEE ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTITIONER(PARAMEDIC) CASE STUDY

Graeme Fletcher did not take part in the pilot but did take a leap of faith into joining Primary Care. Graeme has used this opportunity to further develop and has been supported to enrol on the MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner Programme and is currently undertaking his third module which focuses on Leadership and innovation. Graeme would recommend Primary Care to any Student and Paramedic considering a future role in Primary Care.



PRACTICE COMMENT

“It was a very good two weeks and we managed to make sure our student linked in with the doctors, nurses and engaged with home visits. Also, sitting in with specialist clinics, ENT, minor surgery. I think it has given them a clearer idea of what Primary Care does and how it integrates with their role.”
Phillip Shaba, Clinical Nurse Lead at Northgate Medical Practice, Canterbury.

STUDENT COMMENT

“The placement was actually a lot better than I thought it would be. We had a predetermined way of thinking about our own GP, and hadn't realised the amount of work that happens. The team at Eastcliff were very good and accommodating. I got a lot out of the placement within primary care.” **Edward Ashby**, 2nd Year Paramedic Science student placed at East Cliff Medical Practice, Ramsgate.

CLINICAL DIRECTOR COMMENT

“He has been a pleasure to support in his placement and has been punctual and engaged throughout his time with us. He has been made aware of the roles and responsibilities of staff working within the GP practice and understands the circumstances that lead patients to be under the care of healthcare professionals in the GP practice and their role in promoting the health and well being of patients.”
Judith Marsh, Clinical director Canterbury South PCN