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CLATTERBRIDGE CANCER CENTRE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CIMA qualified- ACMA, GCMA

CAREER PATH

I didn't know what I wanted to do when I left college, but I knew I didn't want to go to uni. So I got a job at Vision Express and ran the clinics as clinic manager. After 2 years I joined a local structural engineers as an accounts assistant. It was here I decided I'd like to work in accounts, in some form. I also wanted to work for the public sector at some point as it was more meaningful to me rather than making profits for a private company.

I was successful in a secretarial job in my local council and started studying AAT two evenings a week. Once my manager knew I was studying he was pivotal in me moving to one of the finance teams within the council. I was in this role for 10 years and completed my AAT.

At this point, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre were advertising for a Senior Management Accounts Advisor, very similar to the role I was doing at the council. There was no scope for further training or progression where I was and CCC has such a great reputation locally so I applied and was successful. CCC were/are very supportive of people wanting to study so I was able to study CIMA and study in whatever format suited me best. I completed on-demand classes and set myself a really structured timetable to stick to, during evenings and weekends. It took me 5 years to complete but I didn't put pressure on myself to compete against anyone else and CCC never put any pressure on me either.

I have now been at CCC for 10 years. In that time I have been a Senior Management Accounts Advisor (B5), a Management Accountant (B6), a Finance Business Partner (B7) and currently a Senior Finance Business Partner (B8a). These roles have been across most of the Divisions and subsidiaries so I have gained lots of experience and knowledge over this time. I've also built strong working relationships with the finance team and colleagues across the Trust.

To me, working for the NHS gives everything a bit more meaning, we are all there for the patients and every decision comes back to that principle. The current financial environment is extremely difficult and there is a constant balance between getting the most from every £ and ensuring patient care & safety is not compromised.

My days are very varied as I have a wide portfolio (a clinical directorate, corporate teams and digital) and manage two people. I approve (or not) vacancies and change forms, I report the monthly financial position for my areas, complete team appraisals, advise on business cases, complete the annual budget setting for my areas, attend a wide range of meetings, give support and advise to

many different layers of the organisation. There are always urgent pieces of working coming in, FOIs that need a response within 20 days and a large volume of emails to action.

CCC I feel has a very strong senior leadership team, not just within finance but across the Execs and NEDs. I admire our senior finance leadership team and have never known such a supportive, kind and knowledgeable group of people. I think without them I wouldn't be where I am today.

I am happy in my current role and not a day goes by where I don't learn something new. I have no current plans to move on or seek out progression as I like my role and it gives me a work life balance that I enjoy. However, never say never, you just don't know what's round the corner. My life outside of work consists of walks with the Wirral Chihuahua group and a bit of running. I'm currently completing a challenge of 5k a day in May for charity.