

A day in the life of...

Meet Claire Elwood

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I was inspired to train as a radiographer when I attended a further education open day and had the opportunity to attend a talk on radiography. The first image on the projector was a hand x-ray and the patient had 6 fingers! I was instantly hooked and knew this is what I wanted to do!

I qualified as a radiographer in 2000 and joined MTW in 2001 as a band 5 radiographer. I received specialist training from the Trust, including fluoroscopy and cannulation which enabled me to quickly progress to become a senior radiographer. Following this I completed a post graduate diploma in medical imaging and am on the cusp of becoming an advanced practitioner radiographer.

My current role is very varied with a number of different responsibilities. One moment I can be organising a weekly roster, the next screening for an interventional procedure, assisting the team in X-ray or with CT scans if required, or performing a procedure myself. The joy of Radiology is that every day is different!

I enjoy being part of the interventional team, as every patient is unique and we often have to use problem solving skills for the procedures to work out the best angle for an image, or the best wire or catheter to use for a case.

The best thing about working at MTW? There's lots of opportunities to progress your career at the Trust, with a good rotation throughout the core modalities – why not join us? It's a great team!