

# A day in the life of...

## Meet Sophie Driscoll

Radiographer at Maidstone Hospital



I started my career at MTW in 2018 as a second-year student Radiographer.

The warmth of the department showed on my first day – I arrived not knowing anyone, but I was welcomed by the MTW family, with lots of people offering help and support. This left a lasting impression and immediately made it an excellent environment to learn in. I qualified in 2019 and started working for the Trust as a band 5 Radiographer, based at Tunbridge Wells Hospital. As a newly qualified Radiographer it can be daunting at first and it took me a little while to settle into work as the team rotates through the Outpatient Department, Emergency Department X-Ray, Theatres, CT and includes fluoroscopy screening too. My colleagues were very supportive from the outset, helping me to quickly train up to the required standard quickly and offering help where needed.

There's a big focus on training and development at the Trust. Since I joined, I have been given opportunities to advance my practice in other areas, including helping support new radiography students who join the department. I am also part of a newly formed patient advocate group. This group aims to support patients on their journey with us and look at ways the Trust can improve patient care.

Most recently I have been promoted to a band 6 rotational radiographer. This role has provided me with more training in the CT field and also given me responsibility for junior staff and students within the team.

What I like best about my role? I love the variety of work, not knowing what we will face on a daily basis keeps the work interesting and exciting! I also enjoy working as a team to achieve targets but also on a daily basis if it's busy, I enjoy coming together with colleagues to manage patient waiting times.

Working at MTW you have flexibility with your working hours and the choice of two great locations – if you are looking for an opportunity to progress as a radiographer this is definitely the place to work!