



P&O Day 2021

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P&O was not my initial career choice. I began studying physics and astronomy but quickly realised that it was not for me. I was keen to pursue a career where I was actively helping people. A friend suggested that I investigate P&O and realised it was the blend of applied physics, medicine and engineering that I was looking for. This combination of theory and practical skills suited me down to the ground and I didn't look back.

My role as an Academy Clinician involves providing support and training for clinicians throughout the UK and Ireland on Ottobock componentry and techniques. The support can involve assisting clinicians with patient fittings, user training and troubleshooting. As a result, we work with a diverse group of patients and clinicians. Gaining and sharing knowledge where we can. It is great to meet so many people and work with them to find a solution for the patient. Additionally we provide training courses for Ottobock components and can provide a mix of theory and practical training. Even though we are trainers in the UK it is nice to know that we are supported globally with a great team throughout Ottobock.

I really enjoy meeting new people and hearing about their experiences. As my role takes me into many clinics around the UK and Ireland it has been great to work with clinicians from different backgrounds. I feel in a very fortunate position as we often work with patients receiving their prescriptions for the first time. Whether that be a new socket, Microprocessor knee foot or Myo Upper Limb prosthesis it can be very rewarding seeing them learn to use these components and reap the benefits.

I graduated in Prosthetics and Orthotics from the University of Strathclyde and have acquired more than a decade of clinical and teaching experience working in a variety of roles, most recently Clinical Lead Prosthetist at Bristol Centre for Enablement. I have worked with Ottobock for the past 4 years. During this time, I have received extensive training, developing a wealth of experience with mechatronic components and biomechanics.

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