



P&O Day 2021

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I always knew I wanted to work in a profession that helps people and initially thought about studying physiotherapy. However, I bumped into someone a couple of years ahead of me at my school who was studying Prosthetics and Orthotics and the idea of combining my original goal with working with technology really appealed.

I am an Academy Clinician Prosthetist for Ottobock in the UK. My role involves working in the Academy team to provide expertise, technical support and education and training to the clinics in the UK and Ireland.

I work with all of the clinics in the UK providing advice or seeing patients that have been fitted with Ottobock products. These could be NHS clinics or private clinics and can involve working with people from all parts of the multi-disciplinary team such as doctors, physios, prosthetists and occupational therapists.

I graduated from University of Salford in 2000 before joining Blatchford to work as a Prosthetist at the Northern General Hospital in Sheffield the same year. After five and a half years I moved to an education and training/technical support role for Blatchford. In 2020 I moved to Ottobock and into my current role.

I work all over the UK and Ireland. Every day is spent somewhere else, and no two days are the same. I mainly work in the academy team here at Ottobock but also get to work with our research and development team in Vienna as well as with our customer services team.

Outside of Ottobock I work with all the Prosthetics clinics in the UK wherever our assistance or advice is required or requested.

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