

In the Spotlight



Name: Angela Knott

JOB TITLE: **CONSULTANT NURSE FOR CARDIOLOGY**

Experience & Qualifications Registered Nurse, Degree in Nursing, MSc in Healthcare and Public Management, Independent Prescribing Qualification, Postgraduate Diploma in Cardiology (This is usually only awarded to GPs - Angela was one of only three Nurses in the UK to achieve this in 2009). Began working as a Nurse 1985, became a Ward Sister in 1989, then began working in Cardiac Rehab and stayed for over 30 years.

Role includes:

- Working alongside Consultant Cardiologists
- Setting up and providing all of the Nurse-Led Chest Pain clinics, who see GP Referrals
- Assessing patients in all aspects of Cardiology, who haven't yet been diagnosed
- Conducting physical examinations, referring patients for diagnostics, interpreting investigations and giving patients their diagnosis
- Following up and taking charge of the care of patients with medium risk
- Discharging low risk patients back to the care of their GP
- Conducting 5 Outpatient Clinics a week, seeing patients with anything from heart failure, heart disease, or post Cardiac Surgery.

"Cardiology is changing all the time, so there's constantly something new to learn about. The Consultants I work with are really supportive of what I'm doing and are always there to help me if I need it, so I couldn't do what I do without them."

"I like having my own patients. I see them through their entire journey, from day one, right through to discharge. I do like that challenge."