

# My family hero!

Find out about Harrie, the paediatric nurse!

I am a children's nurse. I look after children who have nasty illnesses! I work at a hospice called Alexandra Devine children's hospice in Windsor! The age range we cover is 0-19.

I always wanted to care for people and help make them physically and mentally well! But I could never imagine myself as an adult nurse! I just really enjoy looking after children and seeing them smiling!



## *Our interview:*

**Florrie: Which qualifications did you need?**

Harrie: To get my place at a proper hospice I had to work on three years of diploma and a degree of children's intensive care!

**Florrie: What do you most/least enjoy?**

Harrie: I most enjoy being able to give the family a break! I can't handle sick!

**Florrie: What is the most challenging?** The hardest thing is not comparing the children at our hospice to my children at home and you guys as well!

**Florrie: How are you working based on covid19?** We aren't able to have any children at the hospital but going to family's homes if they want us there. We call and FaceTime

**Florrie: If you could have any other job what would it be?**

If I could have any other job I would be a marine biologist because I love water, nature and swimming! I was also a swimming teacher for toddlers for a while!

**Florrie: Would you recommend this job to any one else?**

Yes, I would recommend it to anyone who's caring and organised also you would be extremely busy (you would have to work on weekends) and you're not paid much at all!

**Florrie: Did you work in other hospitals and hospices?**

Yes, I started when I was 19, in 1996 when I worked in Southampton children's hospice! Then in Oxford Hospital then Great Ormond Street Hospital for 4 years then I left to work in the community and as a lead nurse in London at the same time! That was quite similar to now.



