

# P&O Day 2021

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Travelling introduced me to the professions. I was living in Sydney during the Paralympics in 2000 when the city was flooded with athletes with incredible high-end prosthetic limbs and orthoses, and it caught my attention. I then travelled across south east Asia and particularly in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam I was exposed to the other end of the spectrum where many people had amputations and injuries that were caused through conflict, landmines or repressive political regimes and the componentry was much more basic, but yet equally life-changing.

My job has organically changed over the years and I am now in a position where I manage a team of orthotists and a region of orthotic services covering a chunk of central and south east London. This comes with elevated responsibilities and allows me to make decisions with the team that can positively impact our patients on a greater scale. This role has allowed me to gain skills in leadership, clinical governance, HR, business and financial management as well as coun