



# P&O Day 2021

**Dr Nicky Eddison, Orthotics service manager/Consultant orthotist**

I chose P&O after working as a healthcare support worker for a service user with a below knee amputation. I was inspired by how his prosthesis gave him his independence back. Once I completed my P&O degree, I realised how much I loved orthotics and chose to be an orthotist.

My current job role includes being responsible for the orthotics service at a large NHS Trust, managing a team of people and working as a senior research fellow on a variety of orthotic related research projects.

A large part of my role involves service and staff management and research. I do have a small cohort of complex patients under my direct care, this primarily includes children with complex neurological pathologies.

I qualified in 2007 and started my journey in to post-graduate education almost immediately, completing my PhD in 2018. Becoming a senior research fellow in 2018 and the first NHS consultant orthotist in 2021.

I work in Wolverhampton, our team consists of 14 staff, which includes 7 orthotists. I am also a member of the senior management team in the Trust and a member of the AHP clinical leads team.

I am currently the Chair of the Professional Affairs Committee for BAPO and sit on the Executive Committee, the operational strategy group and the research Committee.

I am also a member of the National Orthotics Managers Association Group.