**Isle of Wight NHS Trust Video Transcription:**

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**Rachel Baker:** I grew up on the island. And then I went on to working at Red Funnel, the ferry company but I always wanted to work for the NHS. But there weren't many opportunities for studying on the island with it unless you wanted to move off and go to university and I knew that wasn't really for me so I always waited for the opportunity to do it. Doing my learning through The Open University as an apprenticeship was good because it's very hands-on learning and we never had to travel away, we could always work the shifts we needed to and then study after so it was a good way of learning. There'd be lots of support and the tutors were always great.

**Donna Parkinson:** Rachel was somebody that hadn't had any formal caring experience. Had cared for a family member with dementia prior to starting the programme. She's gone from a shrinking violet into a huge blooming flower so it's lovely to have seen how much she's grown not just as a professional but as a person as well.

**Rachel Baker:** I'm currently in the community. I work with Western Central Community Nurses and I love it out there. I did a lot of my placements in the hospital on different wards and I'm very grateful for getting the experience to work on the end of life ward. It really shaped the person I am now.