**Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust**

**04. Millie’s Story**

School life for me, it's always been a bit up and down. I just about got my GCSEs and since the age of 16, I worked in hospitality and I wanted to do something with a lot more purpose and job satisfaction. So, I applied as a domestic and I got the job, so I've been working around various wards and places in the Trust, cleaning areas. Every day I'd be watching, taking into account what a day in the life of a nurse would be and it confirmed it for me, that's definitely what I wanted to do going forward.

I get student loans for The Open University degree which is an absolute lifeline for me to have the flexibility to do the degree and be able to look after my family at home as well.

I'm currently doing my first placement on day surgery unit in Torbay Hospital. I am really enjoying it so far. I just had my midpoint interview, which went really well. It's really important to invest in your future and it opens a lot of doors, especially for people in my situation. I always felt like it's too out of my reach. I'm not smart enough. But then it's just, kind of, getting over that obstacle that I can do it and the possibilities are endless.