

Neil Sinclair Physician Associate & Training Ambassador

I previously worked in banking and accountancy, as well as living and working in Spain with a number of different roles between all this.

Studied Bsc (Hons) Radiotherapy at Liverpool University.

Worked as therapy radiographer at Royal Preston Hospital 2014-2106. Unfulfilled with little career prospects. Contemplated leaving healthcare altogether.

Researched PA role and began PA studies at UCLAN 2016, graduating 2018.

First PA role in primary care at Darwen Healthcare since 2018.



The role attracts mature students with previous healthcare experience or scientific background. This role engages a new population of professionals who would potentially not have engaged in a healthcare career – most students not taken from existing Primary Care Professions.

A PA is a Generalist trained to the medical model over 2 years to supplement, not replace, existing healthcare framework. My day includes a variety of duties, I currently operate an AM/PM clinic with appointments lasting 13 minutes. This is a mixture of acute and pre-bookable appointments. Able to interpret and action lab link reports. Acute and frailty home visits. Public health work including bowel screening, immunisations and developing CKD work in general practice. I undertake Digital consultations, teach and assist with students.

Not being a Prescriber has not been seen has an issue, the practice patients are set up for electronic prescribing. I screen message the on-call GP to issue an electronic prescription, after reviewing my case notes. A simple and effective solution.

An experienced PA should be able to see most patients, supported by an on call GP within the Practice. A PA frees up the GP to see complex patients and our practice has recently been able to extend the time allowed for GP consultations because of the role of Associates.

I am Ambassador for the role of Physician Associate.