

Simon Holden Paramedic Practitioner

Simon recently joined Darwen Healthcare as a Paramedic Practitioner seeing patients in clinic, and doing home visits. Previously to this Simon has spent 15 years registered as a HCPC Paramedic with North West Ambulance Service and has 19 years experience working on an Emergency Ambulance. With range of clinical skills from basic observations to 12 lead ECG interpretation, cannulation to intubation, trauma management, emergency medical presentations, acute exacerbation of chronic conditions.



A Typical Day for Simon

My role within the practice has been developed in partnership with the GP Partners, practice manager and other HCP's. It is a proactive role out in the community and liaising with the Integrated Neighbourhood Team, Voluntary Sectors and Hospice Services.

A typical working day in the practice commences with telephone consultations with patients who have recently been discharged from hospital. This is to ensure that any recommendations from the hospital have been actioned within the primary care setting e.g. Discharge Medication, Home / Community Nurse Support etc. A check on the patient's' recovery is undertaken to see if any additional support is required. This ensures that all measures have been actioned to avoid re-admission. I then ensure that the patient's named GP is aware of their progress and any further action.

This is followed by a small patient clinic, a meeting with the Patient Engagement Lead/Home Visit Administrator, to triage any home visits for the day. I will then go out into the community and visit the patients requiring a home visit. I am in contact with the team throughout the day and may receive extra visits as patient contacts are triaged. I have full access to the EMIS Web system via the practice ultra laptop.

I return to clinic to ensure any blood or tests requests are ready for transport to collect at the end of the day. I may also see patients in clinic at this time, as part of the Extended Hours service we offer