



**Isla Smith – ABBS Care and Support Worker for 4 years, now a qualified NHS Staff Nurse**

“It was during my time at Annandale Bed and Bath Service that my interest in nursing developed. As an ABBS carer I gained a valuable insight and developed fundamental skills in person centred care. My time with ABBS supported a diverse holistic view in to caring for patients in their own homes and adapting care plans accordingly to best suit their needs. My role within ABBS and as a part of the wider Multi-Disciplinary Team included and was not limited too; providing personal care to patients with a varied range of health conditions, stoma and catheter care, PEG feeding, administering medication, activities co-ordinator, supporting reablement and recovery, providing comfort and a listening ear for patients and their families, and being involved in palliative and end of life care. I was able to provide this service to the highest standards as ABBS supported me to complete various training courses to ensure I was adhering to best practice policies and procedures. When I told ABBS I was hoping to further my career and I was applying to study nursing at Uni they were so supportive and encouraging. I’ve been a qualified staff nurse with the NHS for two years now and still thank ABBS wholeheartedly for making me the nurse I am today”



**Danielle Wilson – ABBS Care and Support worker for 2 years, continuing on a bank contract while completing nursing degree**

“Having the experience from home care has given me such a great head start in nursing. So many students spend a lot of time learning personal care, but having done it for so long, I get to do many more specific nursing jobs than those with no experience. I was also able to give a better interview for nursing by relating back to experience’s when home caring. When I applied for nursing, the ABBS management team was so supportive of this and also let me go on to a bank contract as I didn’t want to fully stop my caring role. I’ve really enjoyed my time with ABBS and can honestly say that the support from the senior team is far better than any other company I have worked for in the past. For anyone who wants to gain valuable experience before possibly furthering their career, home caring is definitely the way to go. It is a brilliant experience and an honour to care for people in their time of need, while remaining in their own homes”.