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My career as a *healthcare scientist in Clinical Neurophysiology started with the strong foundation of a 4-year training programme at Royal Stoke University Hospital. After my training, I moved to Kings College Hospital (one of the largest Clinical Neurophysiology departments in the UK) where I received further specialist training, rising through the ranks to become deputy for one of the specialist tests during my time there.

I have been in my current role as a Clinical Service Manager in Clinical Neurophysiology at Ashford and St Peters NHS FT since January 2015. So far in my career I have been fortunate to work in departments that have been passionate about teaching and developing high calibre healthcare scientists. I have also had supportive managers who have encouraged and nurtured my leadership potential, particularly at Ashford and St Peters NHS FT.

Healthcare scientists are the invisible hand behind every healthcare story in the NHS. The CSO WISE Fellowship is an exciting opportunity to be developed into the next generation of scientific leaders, showcasing and bringing our roles from the shadows! I will use this Fellowship to be an ambassador for Clinical Neurophysiology, bringing as much attention as possible to this small speciality that has an important diagnostic role! In support of the WISE People Like Me campaign, I will endeavor to inspire and encourage the next generation of girls and women from diverse backgrounds into healthcare science careers. I am thrilled at the opportunity to work collaboratively with healthcare scientists from other specialities, developing inter-disciplinary networks that will draw more girls and women into scientific careers! For me, this is about establishing solid foundations and leaving a legacy for the next generation of female healthcare scientists!

*Clinical Physiologist (Neurophysiology) is the official job title for our role.