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After starting out as an IT trainer, Kevin found that a health informatics [1] role in the NHS was perfect for him. He now develops learning material for 300 training centres and also able to help develop websites and applications for his trust.

Kevin Whittaker

Curriculum development manager

Employer or university
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust
Salary range
£30k-£40k

What I do

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I lead a small team who develop learning materials for over 300 training centres delivering the IT Skills Pathway [2] across the UK. As well as working nationally on the pathway, I also get involved in developing other website applications for the trust that support performance, HR and patient safety . Having responsibility for so many different projects means I have to manage my workload to make sure we deliver high quality products.

The best bits and challenges

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I enjoy leading the team but also like to be hands-on in the development. It means I can stay at the cutting edge of an evolving technological landscape. This allows me to be innovative and develop systems and applications that meet the requirements of staff and support the delivery of patient care.

How I got into the role?

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I trained as a primary school teacher but soon realised it wasn't for me. I spotted a job as an IT trainer with the local hospital trust which both suited my skills and love of technology. Getting the job was the start of my health informatics [1] career and I haven't looked back.

As an IT trainer, I had to develop interactive e-learning materials and skills assessments. This meant getting some great experience that led to my next role as an e-learning facilitator. In this role, I developed systems and applications for use across the NHS in the North-West. One of the products I developed was for teaching basic IT skills to healthcare professionals. These were soon recognised nationally as best practice and led to my current role as curriculum development manager.