

School nursing transcript:

Anthony Daniel

So the role of a school nurse is very varied, no one day is ever the same. We cover a wide range of different health issues, which include safeguarding, immunisations, doing school nurse drop in clinics at school and also looking after the health and well being of young people and their families.

Jessica Streeting

School nurses have an important role in the health and well being of young people, often as a first port of call. People will come to them when they need support and then we can help direct them as to which is the best NHS provision for them.

Rosina St James

Young people go to their school nurses for help on drugs advice, particularly if a young person is having issues at home. There could be a young person that is in fear of pregnancy so they visit their school nurses for a range of different things.

Jessica Streeting

I moved into school nursing having been working in oncology because I found I wanted to be there for young people, through their school journey and helping prevent all the issues that may come up health wise for them, so it was very much for me being at the preventative stage, public health.

Anthony Daniel

As part of the drop in we see children for a variety of different reasons, including sexual health, healthy eating, emotional health and well-being. Really what we are there to do is to make an assessment of how that child presenting and to offer support and advice if necessary.

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Ideally it is somebody else you can talk to, ideally a third party who doesn't have anything to do with the problems that I was facing, and I think it was really helpful for me because I could go and see her anytime that I wanted and she helped me in any way that she could.

Sarah Braster

Guidance about if you are concerned about your weight, if you are concerned about your smoking, if you are concerned about anything.

Anthony Daniel

We do a holistic assessment which means we don't just focus on the one thing that comes in, we also incorporate other aspects. So for example if somebody comes in wanting to know about drugs and alcohol we can discuss that and will signpost and refer to another agency if needed for specialist support.

Anthony Daniel

So as a school nurse there's lots of opportunities for lifelong learning and for career progression. Now you could decide to specialise in child protection because obviously as a school nurse we do lots of that so you could decide that's the particular interest you have and you want to stay in that field. You could also maybe look to go into specialist nurse roles such as asthma, diabetes or epilepsy again given the opportunity to work with young people and their families in those sort of roles.

Jessica Streeting

School nursing as a career is excellent when you work within the NHS. It's very flexible. I have colleagues who come from all walks of life and we all find that school nursing gives us what we need in terms of flexibility and in terms of career progression.

Anthony Daniel

As a school nurse you will progress through the pay bands which means that as a school nurse you start at band five and you can progress up to band eight which means there is more financial gain for yourself if that's what you want.

Jessica Streeting

There are very good opportunities for training and development when you are actually working in practice. There are opportunities to go on courses if you are particularly interested in a specific area of school nursing. It's such a broad remit school nursing that there are very many areas that people may become specialised in. It's also lovely to be part of the NHS and be under the NHS umbrella, you are first and foremost a nurse within the NHS and you never lose that really so I think that's a very important factor about school nursing.

Eqbal Farah

School nurses are playing a significant role in addressing and meeting the needs of children of families in schools. We are one of the few practitioners that are working very closely with the schools and with families and children.

Anthony Daniel

I often leave work feeling a sense of fulfilment and a sense that I've been able to help a young person and their families.