



Meet our ECMC Research Nurses: Andrew Barker, Leeds ECMC

Being an ECMC Nurse...

gives me access to experience and advice that may otherwise be hard to easily access.

The most challenging part of the role...

is the ever increasing demands and requirements of study protocols, each new study brings new requirements and 'time consuming' processes. The challenge is ensuring we understand the input required to safely 'run' a clinical trial.

The most rewarding element...

is being at the cutting edge of Clinical Research, being involved in the very earliest stages of drug development.



“Take your time, there’s a lot to learn. Don’t try and run before you’ve walked a good few miles”

I became a nurse because...

like many, I was influenced by the care I was given as a child. Nursing just seemed so appealing and rewarding.

My advice to those considering becoming a nurse...

is that you have to be unafraid of mistakes, which will happen from time to time. Become 'self-critical', be willing to ask and seek advice, be willing to share advice and expertise.

And try and grow yourself a thick skin! Don't be afraid to voice your opinions and be prepared to stand your ground. You really do become the patient advocate in this role.

