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# Lisa Golledge

**Lisa Golledge is a pathfinder assistant practitioner.**

As an assistant practitioner I am the link between pathfinder and the emergency department. As a team we work to try and prevent hospital readmission and discharge patients with the correct level of support as well as assisting palliative patients with their final wishes.

What attracted me to being a support worker was the variety of the role. The mixture of nursing, physio and occupational therapy in one role rather than doing one or the other.

I completed my level 2 assistant practitioner training in 2018 and while working full time I completed the final year of my health and social care degree in 2020, which was hard as Covid stopped all face-to-face teaching. At the time of writing this, I’m currently waiting whether our case for me to become an unregistered band 5 within the Pathfinder team is successful at the time of writing this.

Being my patient’s advocate and completing my final year of my degree while working full time

If you want a challenge that becoming a AHP support worker is for you and if you like doing different things each day then the role is for you.

I have had many thank you’s over the years of doing this role and wrote a piece that was published regarding a patient’s journey through our team to home when she came into the emergency department.

The time it takes to see if the job evaluation is successful after completing final year of the degree to become an unregistered band 5 as I have been waiting 7 months and I know one of my colleagues from the therapy team was waiting over 3 years to see if they were successful.