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Education:

Keele University (2009-2013) – Masters in Pharmacy

Employment:

Housley Pharmacy (2006-2013): Medicines Counter Assistant/Dispenser

Burrows and Close (2013-2014): Pre-registration Pharmacist

Boots (2014-2016): Relief Pharmacist, South Yorkshire/Store pharmacist, Boots Berkeley Precinct

Housley Pharmacy (2016-Present): Pharmacy Manager

About Me:

During my time at Keele University, I spent two years on the Keele Association of Pharmacy Students (KAPS) committee, serving as one of three Year representatives from 2011-13. After a year on the KAPS committee, I was elected as president of KAPS for the year 2012-13. This role included the organisation of meetings, social nights and sporting events that involved delegating tasks to the other committee members. KAPS organised a successful end of year Ball, with nearly 200 attendees and a Christmas social event with around 150 people attending. I represented the association at a Christmas awards presentation alongside the head of school where we contributed to raising donations for the local FoodBank.

During my time at Burrows and Close for my pre-registration year, I grasped every opportunity to expand my horizons I could, including a placement at Kingsmill Hospital and a visit to Recovery in Nottingham centre for substance misusers. These gave me a broader sense of what was happening in the world of pharmacy.

After the acquisition of Burrows and Close by Boots in April 2014, I took the opportunity to visit other Boots branches in order to help the Burrows and Close staff transition over to the Boots way of doing things. Upon completion of my pre-reg year, I was offered a role as a relief pharmacist with Boots in Sheffield and South Yorkshire, working across a variety of stores, giving me a very broad experience of pharmacy in the community.

After 2 years working for Boots, I was offered the opportunity to manage and run Housley Pharmacy in Derby.