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Joanna Louise Richardson

Kate O'Kelly



Joanna Louise Richardson (“Jo”) came to medicine late, after a successful career in telecommunications. She wished to switch

from a life of communicating with machines to one of communicating with people—her true gift.

After much hard work she gained a place on the graduate entry medicine course in Derby and graduated in 2008. Foundation and then core medical training posts in the East Midlands led to Jo’s taking up the post of patient safety fellow at King’s Mill Hospital, Mansfield—a role in which she excelled and where her exemplary interpersonal skills were put to great use.

Jo’s ever present smile, effervescent nature, and unrivalled empathy made her exceptionally popular with patients and colleagues alike. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

In 2016, after finally finding her soulmate, Jo took the courageous step of starting a new life in Scotland and embarked on GP training. Plans to marry, travel, and spend time with her family were tragically cut short when she had a haemorrhagic stroke after finishing a shift at Wishaw General Hospital. She leaves her partner, parents, brother, and two much loved nieces.

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General practitioner trainee (b 1971; q 2008), d 4 March 2017

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