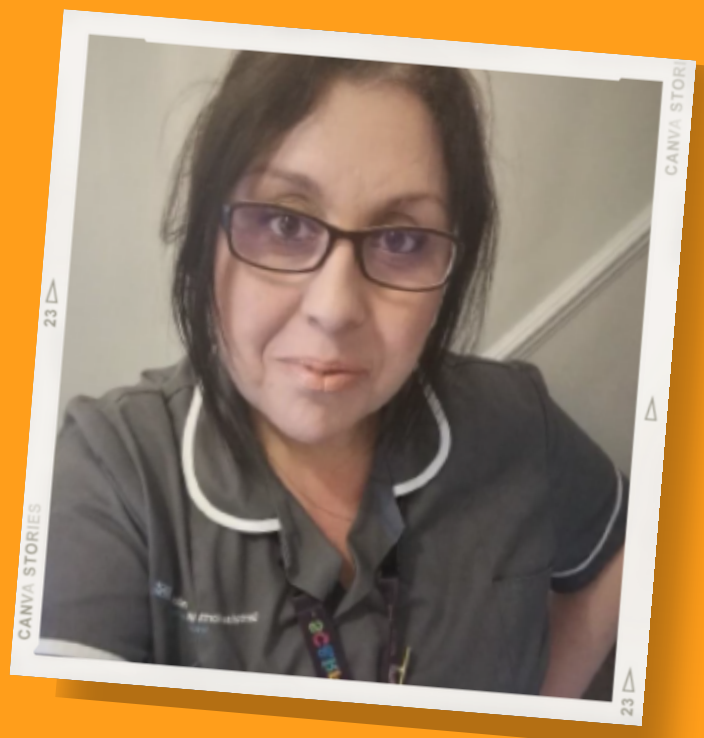


Maria Moradi **Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust**



Maria is a Healthcare Assistant (HCA) at Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust. She has completed the Higher Development Award and has just been accepted on a Level 6 Registered Nurse - Degree (NMC 2018) apprenticeship standard. We spoke to her about her experiences.



What apprenticeship are you studying and what does the study involve?

I applied for an apprenticeship degree in mental health nursing, within my organisation for the next cohort in January 2024, and by UCAS on my own for a general nursing degree.

Why did you want to do the Higher Development Award?

My main goal was to get the enough qualifications to get into university to become a Register Nurse.

Do you feel that completing the Higher Development Award helped with your career progression?

Of course, my work experience wouldn't be enough without them.

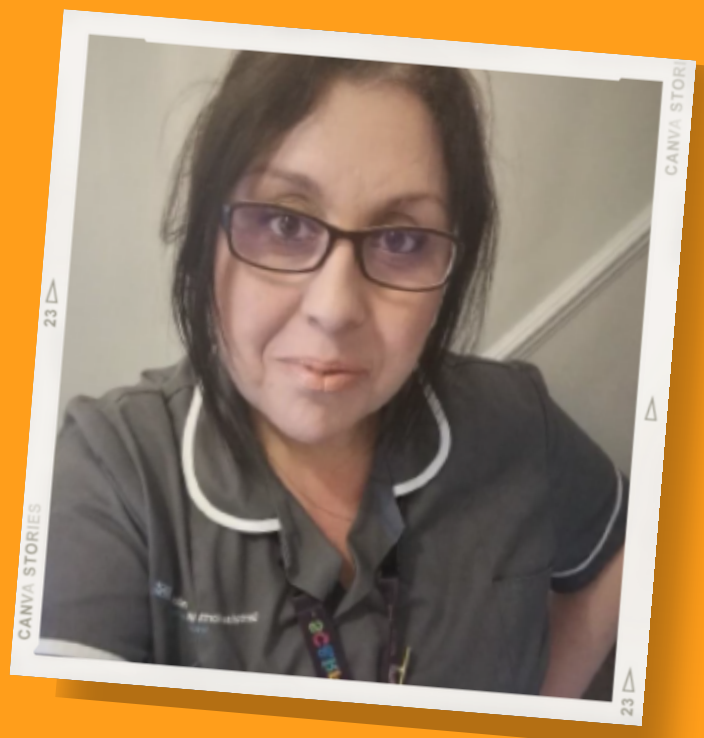
What is your current role and how did you get into the role?

I am a Band 3 HCA on a mental health unit for older adults.

I started 13 years ago as a Band 2. I then progressed into the Band 3, six years ago in the same ward, working as part of a team, undertaking all statutory, mandatory and all local training.

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[Learn more about the L6 Nursing Degree Apprenticeship](#)

What has been your proudest achievement to date?

To get a conditional offer from Buckinghamshire New University on a Nursing (Adults) with NMC registration course, starting on the next September of 2023.

What do you want to do once you complete your apprenticeship?

To proudly work in my new role as a registered nurse in a hospital ward and get enough experience to maybe in the future teach student nurses.

[Learn more about the Higher Development Award](#)

What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship or the Higher Development Award?

It's the best opportunity for a person looking for a chance to further progress in their career/studies.

The team of professionals and teachers will assess you to get you onto the best level depending on your needs, from L2 in Maths and English to L3 Diploma in Leadership and management, without having to study in different places.

The HDA adapts very well to our work and personal hours, giving you enough time to go to class and complete your assignments. Finally, and more importantly, once you achieve the Level 3 Diploma you could be accepted to study in university on your own or through your organisation on an apprenticeship for Nursing associate or the Registered Nursing degree like me.