

**FIONA NEWBY**  
**RISEDALE SURGERY**

**Fiona Newby is undertaking a Level 5 Nursing Associate (NMC 2018) apprenticeship standard at Risedale Surgery.**

**We spoke to Fiona recently about her experiences of undertaking an apprenticeship, keep reading to find out more.**

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

I am studying the Nursing Associate apprenticeship. This involves attending university once a week for lectures and also completing shadowing hours to learn new skills.

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

I am currently a Trainee Nursing Associate. I worked as a health care assistant for over 2 years at the surgery before my employer offered to support me through the TNA (Trainee Nursing Associate) course.

**What have been the biggest challenges?**

Being back in education after a break has been a challenge but it has been a good experience so far and having so much support within my surgery has been a massive help.

**What has been your proudest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?**

Learning new skills and being able to apply those skills in a clinical setting.

**[Learn more about the L5 Nursing Associate \(NMC 2018\) apprenticeship](https://haso.skillsforhealth.org.uk/)**

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

Once I have completed my apprenticeship I will continue to work at the surgery but working in clinics as a qualified nursing associate.

**What would you say to someone considering an apprenticeship?**

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