

## **Jo Evley**



Jo Evley qualified as a registered nurse with a Dip HE Nursing from De Montfort University in 1996 and went on to gain experience working in surgery, emergency care and critical care at Leicester Royal Infirmary, Glenfield Hospital and Derby City Hospital. In 2002 she was appointed as a senior sister at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary and tasked with opening a Surgical Assessment Unit, over the last 19 years the unit has gradually expanded from 4 assessment trolleys to an 11 bedded triage unit with 43 inpatient beds and has moved location 5 times. It is now situated at the Royal Derby Hospital (RDH) and due to the current size of the unit, it is jointly managed by 2 Band 7's.

In 2004 she graduated from Derby University with a BSc Honours degree in Health Care and has since completed several in-house courses both clinical and leadership. As a single parent whose dependants are now older, she is in a position to advance her career enabling her to successfully apply for the Florence Nightingale Foundation (FNF) — Mary Seacole Leadership Programme.

Since becoming a FNF scholar Jo's career has successfully progressed and in May 2022 she was appointed as Matron of the Operations team at Royal Derby Hospital which has led to her commencing a year-long acting up post in September 2022 as Lead Nurse for the same department.