

Transcript for Hilary's story, Children's Social Work

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Hilary talking to camera in an office space.

Hi, I'm Hilary, I'm a Strategic Manager for Durham County Council's Children and Young People's Services. So, what made me go into Social Work? I knew from quite an early age that I wanted to work with young people, I wasn't sure in what capacity. So I qualified as a Social Worker in 1995. Always lived in the North East, worked with a number of different councils and then a few years ago I had quite a few things happen in my personal life and so was at a bit of a crossroads in my work life, not sure what to do.

Hilary walking down the stairs of the office space.

I thought I might want to leave social work, so I did work outside the social work profession for a little while and...

Hilary talking to camera in an office space.

I think that was a really positive thing for me to do as it made me realise that actually social work was what I wanted to do.

Hilary in an office space using a mobile phone.

And so I saw this jobs as an agency job and that's how I came to Durham and I've just absolutely loved it since the day I started.

Hilary working in an office space.

The senior management team are really supportive, social work teams work incredibly hard, I think its just a really positive environment to work.

Hilary talking to camera in an office space.

I asked if I could be interviewed for a temporary contract rather than to be on agency, so there wasn't a permanent job that came up, but I really wanted to be on sort of an employee of Durham, so that's how I ended up with my job and where I am today.

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