

# A day in the life of...

## Meet Richard Flood

Radiographer at Maidstone Hospital



I joined MTW as a Clinical Support Worker back in 2006, and worked on wards and within the Oncology chemotherapy suite before qualifying as a radiographer in 2009.

A typical day starts with carrying out CT virtual colonoscopies. This is a specialist X-ray examination of the colon and is used to look for polyps on the inside of the colon that can sometimes turn into cancer. The clinical and clerical teams at MTW work very closely to ensure patients requiring these scans are seen as quickly as possible. Only recently the team made some changes within the service which resulted in a 50% reduction in the lead time for these examinations.

Once my clinical work for the day is completed, I then start the job of reviewing and protocoling the examination requests. Radiology protocoling is a vital function that ensures the most appropriate examination is performed to help determine diagnosis for the patient, whilst minimizing the radiation exposure for the patient.

During my 15 years as part of the MTW family, there have been many opportunities to train in extended practice and progress my career; including working on a project to improve the national CT scanning service which is an amazing opportunity to work with some very inspirational people.

Why work for MTW? Radiology plays a key part in over 90% of all patient pathways and it's a real privilege to be part of such a diverse team and I get to work with some amazing people. Working in the team you get a fantastic chance to see how dynamic and constantly evolving the trust is and how things are constantly changing to provide the best outcomes for patients. There's a great sense of community here – so do join us!