

Case Study BAPO Educator Network Gary Carden



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What made you decide to join the Educator Network?

I want to help improve the industry through education. Develop and support the newly qualified clinicians as well as our current workforce.

How do you envisage the Network that can support you as a clinical educator?

It can give me the tools, support, and networking with other educators to develop my knowledge and understanding of different ways of teaching to benefit who I am educating.

What do you enjoy about your role as a clinical educator?

That I am getting to pass on my knowledge and experience.

What would you say to others who are thinking of becoming a clinical educator?

People ask me how we improve the industry and I always say you need to get involved passing on your skills and develop the workforce coming through.

What is the most rewarding aspect of the time you spend with learners?

When you know someone has qualified and is out there working and you contributed to that.

What do you learn by being a clinical educator?

I am learning how to be a better communicator. Being a educator does mean you just teach and educate but you learn as well. I don't know it all so learn new things myself while educating others.

How do you see your role as a clinical educator evolving over the next 5 years?

It will be more a team approach and working with other areas of AHPs.

What excites you about P&O clinical education?

There is always something new out there to learn, no day is the same.

If you could make just 1 change to how P&O clinical education is delivered what would that be?

Increase innovation and technology.

