

# Joined Up Careers Derbyshire

## **Journey into health and social care story** ***Gail, administrative assistant, Derby City Council***

### **What was your first job?**

'Office junior' immediately after leaving school.

### **How did you get to your current role?**

Responded to an internal job advertisement featured in Derbyshire County Council's *Job Sheet*.

### **Did you move across different career paths?**

All my posts have been a diverse range of office-based roles. I have worked both within local government and the private sector.

### **Did you face any challenges to get to where you are now?**

Yes, I undertook further part-time studies as a mature student over a five-year period whilst balancing a carers role for a family member, working full time and renovating my first property.

### **What do you do now?**

Administrative assistant.

### **What is it about your job that inspires you?**

The people: the passion, professionalism, flexibility, caring nature and commitment – to go above and beyond and continually striving to do better.

### **What is positive to you about working for Derby City Council?**

Even in these times of tight budget constraints, the organisation is continually undergoing change to meet challenges, but still maintains its non-profit making ethos.