

Newcomer of year

Holly Drover

In 2019, Holly completed her undergraduate dissertation 'Are wind instrument musicians at greater risk of developing a chest infection compared to the UK general population?' This was inspired by Holly's personal interest as a flautist. Her research demonstrated great endeavour, commitment, and innovation and she has since successfully presented this work nationally and locally, while being awarded two prizes for strength of academic achievement/presentation. Recently, Holly has been awarded an NIHR Internship Award where she is undertaking a systematic review of assessment tools for diagnosing dysfunctional breathing. This will lead to her PhD study where she plans to develop a tool/outcome measure for diagnosing breathing pattern disorders. Holly aims to apply for an NIHR Pre-Doctoral Fellowship to fund this research. Holly is quietly confident, committed and has the academic and clinical skills to thrive as a clinical academic. She is certainly someone to watch grow in our respiratory speciality.

Rosie O'Reilly

Rosie started work as a newly qualified clinician just prior to the pandemic in the CF team. She worked super hard to complete her respiratory competencies enabling her to support new senior staff members to the team, whilst mastering the art of treating this complex patient cohort. During the pandemic her enthusiasm and willingness to learn has made her a true asset to any team that she has worked with. She is a shining example of a future star!

Lauren Thomson

As support during the COVID-19 pandemic Lauren was redeployed to Respiratory Care team; her first qualified respiratory care experience. Lauren was an immediate positive influence within the MDT, assisting highly pressured nurses with feeding, hydrating and personal care for patients alongside her own workload, greatly improving patient care. Always keen to support the team, Lauren moved to bolster the Critical Care team in October and also volunteered for proning team shifts as additional hours. She demonstrates passion for respiratory care through her enthusiasm and willingness to learn. She is a proactive, independent learner and consistently shares her learning. She has become oncall competent in a short time and now supports the late service, weekend and oncall rotas. Lauren is an upbeat, positive influence on the whole MDT. We regularly receive positive feedback for Lauren from staff and patients. We would love to see Lauren awarded Newcomer of the Year Award.