

# Personal Experience of HTS

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# My Route

- BSc in Chemistry
- PhD in Nanotechnology
- MSc Audiology graduate (Manchester)
- Not trained via CAC route (CCC)
- Found accredited centre
- Worked as band 5 whilst completing initial modules
- Regionally funded 18 month trainee post

# Why HTS?

- Work in more specialized areas
- New and exciting
- Already met pre-requisites for all modules
- More involvement with research and service development
- Career Progression
- Register as Clinical Scientist

# Modules Enrolled

## From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007

- HCCC Vestibular Assessment and Rehab
- Research Methods

## From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008

- HCCC Paediatric Assessment
- HCCC Adult Rehabilitation and First Line Diagnostic Assessment
- Service Development

# Structure of my Supervision

- Several senior scientists / audiologists – day to day supervision
- Mentors – Chief Audiologist and Senior Clinical Scientist
- Supervisor – Consultant Clinical Scientist

# Balance Assessment and Rehab

- ~1 year as Band 5
- Secondments
- Assessments
- Tutorials and case studies
- Assessed by External Examiner (Oct 2008)
- Final Exam in Jan 2009?

# Research Methods

- Lucky
- Learning outcomes achieved
- MSc dissertation covered most outcomes
- Publication and Presentation

# Positive Aspects

- Balance rehab
- Reflections
- Case studies
- Flexibility
- Time Scale

# Problems Encountered

- Guinea Pig
- Study time if working as Band 5

# What now?

- Enrol on Management and Calibration courses (CAC subcommittee to decide)
- Concentrate on clinical modules
- Complete all 5 modules successfully
- Obtain HAA
- Register with ACS (HPC) (2-3 years)