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I'm from Dublin but based in Belfast and live with my husband & daughter. I love to travel and enjoy all things crafty in my spare time. Last year, I took up golf, badly!

I went back to college in my late 20s & did a Masters in IT...more recently followed by a H Dip in Business Analytics during lockdown.

What I do in my job?

I have been working on the IHI-HIDS team since its inception in 2016. I lead the testing efforts, devising test strategies, building tests and striving for increased efficiencies through automation and streamlined processes. Recently I worked on testing the ODTI organ donor systems, to support the new 2024 legislation. My role involves working closely with developers, product owners, PMs and business users. It is a busy job but we have great camaraderie across the A2I-HIDS group.

Motivation:

I enjoy the continual learning required to work in IT and the challenge of solving our user's problems through technology. The job is never boring as you are continually learning and no two days are the same. Personally, I also enjoy being a (small) role model for my daughter by working in IT and showing her the value of STEM subjects, even if right now she wants to be the next Taylor Swift!

Advice to women thinking of a career in health service:

I think the key benefit of working in technology for the Healthcare sector is the motivation of knowing you are making a difference to more than a corporate balance sheet. You will be working on software that can impact and enhance people's lives. It is also very rewarding to work with colleagues who genuinely support and respect each other. And professionally, it is great to work in an environment where continued learning is supported and encouraged.



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