Speaker biography

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Pauline qualified as a registered general nurse in 1989 and began a career in neurosciences nursing at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, working for many years on the acute neurology and neurosurgical wards. Her time working on the neurology ward gave her a special interest in looking after people living with motor neurone disease.

In 2005, Pauline became the Care Centre Co-ordinator at the Preston MND Care and Research Centre. Here, she has led the team in implementing various developments such as nurse-led clinics in hospice, introduction of advance planning using the document ‘Preferred Priorities of Care’ and assisted in developing the respiratory services so that patients did not have to travel to another county to be commenced on non-invasive ventilation.

Pauline was also on the development group for the NIV guidelines in MND and has since become an expert for NICE and a member of the MND advisory panel.