

Bob's Story

“Being here has enriched my life...”



My story differs from most people I have met here. I am not a patient at William Harvey Research Centre. However, I do volunteer at the reception desk. My personal role within clinical trials is not limited to volunteering though, as I am currently in a study at Bart's hospital for my fibrillation.

I first became involved with the William Harvey Research Centre when my twin brother came here as a patient and started volunteering at reception. While he never wanted to discuss his treatments with me, my brother always had nothing but praise and great reviews for the people here and the experiences he had here, both as a patient and as a volunteer.

Eventually, I decided I would give volunteering here a try and quickly discovered that it enriched my life. I am retired, and while that does not make it impossible to socialize, being here makes it even easier to meet more people and exposes me to new people I never would have met otherwise. I have yet to meet someone here that I did not enjoy, the patients are all wonderful and the staff are sweet and considerate.



I find it fascinating to see the different ways patients and doctors approach these studies where no one knows everything necessarily and the calmness and understanding brought to these situations have been flooring and inspiring. I have always held the mentality that the doctor knows best so it has been a unique experience to witness situations when the doctor does not know as much as they would like.

As a patient, family member, and volunteer, I have never found any reason to not endorse clinical research, I have only seen good things and trustable people involved in clinical trials. I think it is such an important and vital way to help people around you while also helping yourself and learning about your personalized health. For me, there is no hesitation in participating in clinical trials, there is so much to gain, and I find the people completely reliable and forthright.