



# Platinum Jubilee: A Queen's Nurse for every Decade

# 1980s

'A Queen's Nurse for Every Decade' is a series celebrating Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee featuring Queen's Nurses who started their nurse training during one of the decades of Her Majesty's reign, 1952 - 2022.

## Community Nurse details

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Nurse title: Mental Health Staff Nurse  
Location: London



Carol Webley-Brown

### 1. When and where did you start nursing in the community?

In 2007, I worked as a community service neighbourhood manager in Lambeth responsible for sixty-six members of staff in two General Practices in Clapham (London) and then as a General Practice nurse in Lewisham (London).

### 2. What memories do you have of HM The Queen during this time period?

I love weddings and I have enjoyed watching all the royal weddings on television but the most memorable was Princess Diana and Charles' because, on the ward we had cake and so many treats for patients and staff.

As nurses we had to wear our uniform, but we were all encouraged to wear our badges and our nurses' buckles. I had an increasing waistline and had to go to the sewing room and get elastic stitched into my navy-blue belt to allow to stretch which was a good thing as we had so much to eat that day.

It was a hot day, and we were all given the best cup of tea ever, ice-cream, cheese, and biscuits. We were allowed to watch television whilst on duty. It was amazing how much the patients supported the work that day as everything seemed to be done in record time.

I watched the Queen; she was so proud and happy surrounded by the family. She is remarkable, a strong character. A role model for all.

### 3. What has been your proudest nursing moment so far?

My proudest moment after gaining the top clinical grade I as an Accident and Emergency Adult Care Senior Nurse Manager was to then get a Band 8b as a General Manager with a nursing background in Lambeth, after teaching mental health nursing for eight years and coming back to the National Health Service from education.

It was my proudest moment as I felt the National Health Service opened its arms and welcomed me back and I felt that I had truly broken through the "glass ceiling" as a Black Woman, a Black Community Nurse, and a nurse in London.

### 4. Any tips for aspiring community nurses?

As a General Practice Nurse (GPN), I have worked for 14 practices on my own as the sole GPN but I have never felt alone, community nurses really do know how to embrace caring for each other, communicating with each other, through peer reviews ensure competence, show compassion to each other, courage and a commitment to their patients. Look at all we have achieved together as a family. We know how to care in the community, as a family of Queen's Nurses we have always done and gone the extra mile.

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