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Philippa Martin studied **Therapy Radiography** at the The Guildford School of Radiography, in 1978. Qualified as DCRT and continued to work at St Luke’s for approximately 8 months prior to leaving for USA.

“On returning I worked at a variety of London Hospitals before taking a career break to have a family. I lived overseas for a number of years.

In 2003, on my return to the UK, I began work at the Jarvis centre and completed my Post Graduate Certificate in Mammography in 2004. I worked as a Mammographer for 3.5 years.

Between 2007 and 2012 I ran a business with my family, and so was out of Radiography for just over 5 years.

On enquiring about returning in 2012, I was lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Return to Practice facilitation course that was available at the Jarvis Centre, encouraging Radiographers to return on a Mammography pathway. This 60 day programme was designed so that I undertook personal study for 30 days and a 30 day attendance at the centre for clinical updating, in order to achieve the requirements for reregistration with

HCPC. My personal study was recorded using CPD NOW, writing reflections and reading widely.

The program was comprehensive in its coverage and included visits to breast related departments, to update my knowledge. On completion I received help in completing the return to practice forms for HCPC re registration and was successful with this submission.

I continue to work at the Jarvis centre and during this time have achieved qualifications as a Stereographer, undertaking breast biopsy. I have recently been appointed as the new Superintendent Radiographer at The Jarvis Centre, on the retirement of the present post holder. I look forward to continuing to support future returners to practice, as I see this as an excellent way for encouraging Radiographers back into the Screening service.”

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