# Video transcript: how a hospital stay as a child shaped Ebonny’s nursing career

>>EBONNY: It makes me feel proud that I can make a difference to people’s lives that are relative strangers to me.

>>EBONNY: My name is Ebonny, and I am a children’s nurse.

>>EBONNY: I was in hospital to get my appendix out when I was 11 on Christmas Eve and the nursing team were brilliant. They looked after me and made me miss [being at] home [much] less because they were so nice to me when it was Christmas Day.

>>EBONNY: I thought I’d like to make a patient or family feel that kind of welcome even in a hard time.

>>EBONNY: I left school at 17, after 5th year. Couldn’t get into Robert Gordon University until I was 18, so I worked [as] a florist. I went to Robert Gordon University from 2003 to 2006 and graduated with a degree in Children’s Nursing and then got a job in the operating theatres and that was 12 years ago.

>>EBONNY: It’s really hard to describe a typical week because there isn’t, there really isn’t. A big part of my job, it’s a multi-disciplinary team, lots of people, lots of things to organise and you want it within a good time frame.

>>EBONNY: You want to get as many patients that you can get done safely and properly.

>>EBONNY: You’re actually in the background organising everything for the patient, so it’s a very important job.

>>EBONNY: Some of the feedback I’ve had from people that I’ve cared for, that I’ve really not thought I’d done anything specific, but the feedback has been amazing. Even after 12 years of full-time doing this, it can bring a tear to your eye. You’re proud, you’re actually really proud of the job you have done because that has made such a difference to somebody's life.

>>EBONNY: Since becoming a nurse, I have developed my organisational skills a lot. Timing, speaking to multi-disciplinary teams and people skills, just honing into different age ranges and spotting a nervous patient from far away and lots of different behavioural skills.

>>EBONNY: I think if you are a hard worker and have a good heart, then there’s nothing really more rewarding you can do than nursing. [There are] so many different avenues to nursing. So, if you hone into what you really enjoy and what you really love doing if you can do that, and that’s your career, and you still get paid for it, then that’s really what you should do. [There's] loads of different avenues you can go down in nursing.