



TLE is proud to support student nurse assessment placements so Covid-19 shielders can become the nurses of the future

Many nursing students across Essex have been unable to continue their physical practice placements, sometimes due to personal 'shielding', as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. 21 students supposed to qualify at the end of the year have been given support by Karen Wilson from The Learning Enterprise

Determined to find a solution and recognising the potential impact on student nurses unable to complete their studies, the Practice Education Team, led by Karen Wilson Regional Education Lead for TLE, developed an innovative and virtual solution.

They worked in close partnership with universities to establish a 9-week programme which adopted a range of learning approaches including formally taught sessions, case studies, podcasts and role play scenarios. Not only did this support the students in their studies during COVID-19, but it also allowed them to obtain the necessary hours required to qualify as Registered Nurses.

What makes this even more impressive is that with the support of TLE and ECFWS are the first healthcare organisation to be giving nursing students virtual exposure and experience. This includes getting virtual access to various health visits, including new birth visits, child developmental assessments and antenatal evaluations. TLE is working with other Learning Environment Leads to replicate this programme in other 0-19 services across [Virgin Care](#).