

**Diane Blake, Clinical Manager
Bath Racecourse**

“After working in the NHS for more than 41 years, and with not a shred of exaggeration, I can hand-on-heart say that working in the vaccination programme has been the best job I’ve ever had.

“In fact, when I first started at Bath Racecourse, I had only planned to stay for a few weeks but, here I am, one year on and still completely in love with the work I’m doing.

“It gives me an enormous thrill to know that providing the vaccine can have a massive, potentially life changing, effect on people’s lives.

“I remember at the start of the vaccination programme, one gentleman was desperate to have the vaccine so he could travel overseas and spend time with his terminally ill grandmother.

“Luckily, we had some leftover vaccine at the end of one of our clinic sessions, so we were able to give him the jab, which meant he was able to fly.

“I’ll never forget the look of sheer relief that came over him, and how he said to me that him being able to travel would make the world of difference to his family, who were going through a particularly difficult time.

“Of course, there are many more powerful stories that I’m proud to have been a part of, but it’s no lie to say that every vaccination I give leaves me with a warm feeling that I just cannot shake.

“I’ve loved every minute of my time at Bath Racecourse, and I’ll be here for as long as I am needed.”

