

## **Sarah Wood, Marshal and Volunteer Coordinator Bath Racecourse**

“On the busiest days, more than 1,600 people can come through the turnstiles at Bath Racecourse, and it’s the role of the marshals and volunteers to make sure that every person gets through safely and shown where they need to go.

“Many people often arrive feeling a little nervous, but we do our best to greet everyone with a smile and let them know that there’s nothing to be afraid of.

“The whole team at Bath Racecourse, from those who are giving the vaccine to the people behind the scenes, are all here because they want to help others through this difficult time, and that mindset extends to our dedicated army of volunteers too.

“Being part of this huge operation has had a massive impact on me, and has made me realise that I no longer wish to return to my pre-pandemic career in retail, but train to become a nurse instead.

“Helping others is so incredibly rewarding and after being here for more than six months, I can’t imagine doing anything that isn’t in some way connected to our wonderful NHS.

“I sometimes look at the racecourse as an enormous engine, as there are so many different components, but all the parts are working together and in unison to help make the wheels turn.

“Every person here is vital to the operation as a whole, and I’m hugely proud to be part of something so extraordinary and so life-changing.”

