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Introducing Laura O'Shea, our new Head of Allied Health Professionals

New to join the LCO family recently is [Laura O'Shea](#), as our new Head of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs). For those of you who're not familiar, our AHPs play an integral part in improving the health outcomes of our local communities. There are 14 AHP roles in total, including physiotherapist, orthoptist and dietician just to name a few. You can find out more about their role within the LCOs over on the [extranet](#).

Please join us in welcoming Laura onboard. We catch up with her and she said:

"I'm thrilled to have joined the LCOs and I'm looking forward to getting started in my new position and meeting our different teams. It's a great time to start with the recent launch of the [AHP strategy](#), so it will be great to be part of the delivery."

"By background I'm a Speech and Language Therapist and have worked clinically in both acute and community settings. My last clinical post was working in community and I firmly believe this is where AHPs can really make a difference to people's lives. As a proud Mancunian, I now feel like I've come home with the LCOs.

Prior to this post, I worked for MFT as AHP Directorate Manager for the Manchester Royal Infirmary (MRI) and for St Mary's Hospital so I'm hoping my experience will forge further links between acute and community AHP teams. I'm passionate about our AHP workforce and look forward to strengthening our workforce position. Since the appointment of our new Chief AHP, Jemma Haines we are really beginning to maximise the benefits of the wider AHP workforce. All this I consider great progress and again that's why I feel it's an exciting time for our AHPs here at the LCOs."

"Away from work I spend most of my free time at the side of a football pitch or travelling to watch my son play football; he plays a lot! Other than that, I enjoy family life, walking and spending time in Anglesey."