

Chris Pritchard

PARAMEDIC · EDUCATION SPECIALIST · COMPUTER SCIENTIST

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Education

University of Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

MSC IN COMPUTER SCIENCE · DISTINCTION

Sep. 2018 — Feb. 2020

- Disstertation involved the creation and analysis of an automated falls detection system
- Topics covered included programming, web application development, networking, security, and project management

University of Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

PGCERT IN PARAMEDIC SCIENCE · PASS

Sep. 2014 — Feb. 2017

- Various postgraduate modules were undertaken leading to a Postgraduate Certificate in Paramedic Science
- Topics covered included end of life and palliative care, the role of an expert witness and research methods

University of Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

BSC (HONS) IN PARAMEDIC SCIENCE · 1ST CLASS

Sep. 2011 — Jun. 2014

- Research Proposal involved the analysis of electronic patient record sharing with primary care
- Topics covered included theoretical underpinnings of paramedic practice, covering relevant biological and social sciences, research and the professional context of paramedicine, along with practical applications of theory through practice placements, patient assessment and management modules, along with regular skills development

The Sixth Form College, Colchester

Essex, United Kingdom

A LEVELS · A*AA

Jun. 2009 — Jun. 2010

- A Level in Biology
- AS Levels in Government and Politics, and Electronics

The Sixth Form College, Colchester

Essex, United Kingdom

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE · 29 POINTS

Sep. 2007 — Jun. 2009

- Higher Level Physics, History, Mathematics, and Chemistry
- Standard Level English, and Spanish ab initio
- Extended Essay in Computer Science

Honywood Community Science School

Essex, United Kingdom

GCSEs · 12, A*—C

Sep. 2002 — Jun. 2007

- Including English, Maths and Science

Courses & Training

2020 **Pass**, Advanced Communication Skills

Hospice of St

Francis

2019 **Pass**, Palliative and End of Life Care Competency Course

Garden House

Hospice

2017 **A**, Diploma in Clinical Risk and Claims Management

Capsticks LLP

2017 **Pass**, Fitness to Practice New Panel Member Training

Health and Care

Professions Council

2017 **Pass**, Advanced Life Support

Univeristy of East

Anglia

2016 **Pass**, Root Cause Analysis Training

London Ambulance

Service NHS Trust

2015 **Pass**, Practice Placement Educator (Module 2)

London Ambulance

Service NHS Trust

2015 **Pass**, Practice Placement Educator (Module 1)

London Ambulance

Service NHS Trust

Professional Memberships

Health and Care Professions Council
College of Paramedics

Paramedic · PA37541

Full Member · CP006116

Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

Practitioner Member · 156936

Work & Volunteering

Isabel Hospice

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

EDUCATION SPECIALIST

Apr. 2019 — Present

- I deliver internal and external education and training with a particular focus on End of Life and Palliative Care
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic, I have been deployed as a Paramedic to our Inpatient Unit, working in a similar manner to our nursing staff
- I support undergraduate students on placement with us, and have also delivered education on End of Life Care to Student Paramedics at the *University of Hertfordshire* & on Ethical and Legal issues to Medical Students at the *University of Cambridge*
- I have also developed policies and am currently vice chair of the *Befordshire, Hertfordshire and West Essex End of Life Care Education Group*

London Ambulance Service NHS Trust · East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Various, United Kingdom

PARAMEDIC (BANK) · COVID EPIDEMIC CLINICIAN (BANK)

Jun. 2014 — Present

- I continue to work as a Bank Paramedic for both *London & East of England Ambulance Services*, both as a solo responder and as part of a two person ambulance crew
- During the COVID-19 epidemic I have worked as a clinician undertaking telephone assessments of suspected COVID-19 patients via the *111 & Integrated Urgent Care* services for the *London Ambulance Service*
- Whilst undertaking bank shifts, I also take part in the mentoring of Student Paramedics and other junior staff
- I have actively taken part in service improvement projects, including the streamlining of a shift based record of calls, reducing duplication and improving Information Governance

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

SENIOR PARAMEDIC

Jan. 2017 — Apr. 2019

- I was permanently based on a *Rapid Response Vehicle*, with occasional shifts on a *Double Staffed Ambulance*, often as the most senior clinician
- I had mentoring responsibilities for students and undertook quality assurance shifts with junior staff
- I have delivered internal *Professional Update* education to staff, covering both clinical and non-clinical topics
- I developed, in conjunction with local hospices, a CPD day specifically for local Ambulance Staff surrounding End of Life Care

London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

London, United Kingdom

GOVERNANCE & ASSURANCE MANAGER

Jan. 2016 — Jan. 2017

- My role involved the investigation of serious incidents and the completion of reports, both for internal and external use
- I was also required to sensitively break news of mistakes to patients and their relatives, and apologise on behalf of the organisation
- I supported new managerial staff in completing investigations, both through the provision of training but also through mentorship and support through their first investigations
- I was required to interact and network with staff from various departments and levels throughout the organisation in order to develop positive relationships from frontline staff to board level
- In addition to my core role, I was also part of the End of Life Care working group

Chris Pritchard Services Ltd.

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

DIRECTOR · PARAMEDIC

Apr. 2015 — Present

- I have worked as an agency Paramedic, through *MedicNow* for *South Central Ambulance Service*
- I have also delivered education on End of Life Care to students on the *East of England Ambulance Service* Student Paramedic pathway in conjunction with the *University of East Anglia*
- As the sole Director, I am legally responsible for ensuring that my statutory obligations are completed, including the filing of company tax returns
- Currently, the main work undertaken is sitting on Fitness to Practice Panels for the *Health and Care Professions Council*

University of Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

CLINICAL SKILLS TUTOR (CASUAL)

Sep. 2014 — Jun. 2015

- I was required to deliver clinical skills education to Student Paramedics whilst the University was actively recruiting permanent staff

UH Student Paramedic Society · UK Student Paramedic Conference

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

COMMITTEE MEMBER · TREASURER

Sep. 2012 — Nov. 2015

- As part of the UHSPS team, I helped the society become the largest society within the University
- I have Liaised with organisations and individuals to attract high quality speakers, including *Dr Jerry Nolan* from the *Resuscitation Council (UK)*
- Through this role, I have organised and financially managed three successful conferences with over 100 delegates
- The first *UK Student Paramedic Conference* in 2013 won an award from *Hertfordshire Students Union* for Best Society Event and each conference attracted over 100 delegates from across the UK

St John Ambulance

Various, United Kingdom

FIRST AIDER · EMERGENCY TRANSPORT ATTENDANT · PARAMEDIC · SAFEGUARDING TEAM MEMBER

Jun. 2008 — Present

- I have volunteered for *St John Ambulance* in various clinical roles, initially as a first aider, but also as a Paramedic
- I have also undertaken non-clinical volunteering in areas such as logistics, radio communications and safeguarding

Other Activities

De Havilland Primary School

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

GOVERNOR

Jul. 2014 — Sep. 2016, Apr. 2020 —

Present

- I initially became a Governor in 2014, however, stopped as a result of work commitments
- More recently, I was invited to support the relatively new governing body over a short period following an inadequate ofsted inspection in 2019
- Along with the rest of the Governing Body, I am accountable for the overall running of the school, including academic performance, student experience and financial management
- The role requires me to act as a “critical friend” to the Head Teacher, providing constructive feedback and challenge
- I am mentoring a new governor, with a focus on analysing school performance data and where to obtain independent data to hold the Head Teacher to account
- I also need to fully participate in governing body meetings by ensuring that probing questions are asked and that the answers given are satisfactory
- I have previously been a member of the Remuneration Committee, requiring me to support the Head Teacher in validating his pay recommendations in relation to staff

University of Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE)

Sep. 2018 — Feb. 2020

- I was required to highlight collective problems and feedback to lecturers and the programme lead, whilst also signposting individual students as applicable
- I actively participated in programme committee meetings, ensuring that students were at the forefront of the agenda
- As a result of this work, I was asked to be the student member on the programme periodic review panel, meaning I needed to provide feedback and ask questions of senior academic staff involved in the development of the new programme, and ultimately be a part of the decision around whether to revalidate the programme

Onslow St Audrey's School · Danes Educational Trust

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNOR · VICE CHAIR

Mar. 2018 — Present

- As vice chair, I need to support the chair in the overall conduct of meetings
- I was key in scrutinising the school becoming a member of a multi-academy trust
- I have improved governor accessibility to data by working with the school to ensure the Governing Body had access to external sources of performance data directly from the *Department for Education* and *Fischer Family Trust*
- I was appointed during a period of rapid change and development for the school, and my involvement included being part of the performance appraisal of our new Head Teacher

Health and Care Professions Council

London, United Kingdom

MEMBER (CONDUCT & COMPETENCE COMMITTEE · HEALTH COMMITTEE · INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE)

Jun. 2017 — Present

- I sit as the Paramedic member of Fitness to Practice Panels on the *Health, Conduct & Competence & Investigating* committees
- I need to provide professional context to all types of hearings and meetings
- I am required to thoroughly analyse evidence, develop questions and probe witnesses, whilst also remaining impartial and making lawful, fair and proportionate decisions

Hertfordshire County Council

Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

GOVERNOR MEMBER (INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANELS)

Jan. 2017 — Present

- I sit as the Governor Member on three person Independent Review Panels in relation to Permanent School Exclusions
- The role requires me to analyse evidence and determine, under the principles of judicial review, if the school acted lawfully, rationally and procedurally fairly in permanently excluding a pupil
- As a panel, we have the power to uphold, recommend a re-consideration or direct the re-consideration of a school exclusion, with the additional power of imposing a budget adjustment should the school not re-instate the pupil following a direction to re-consider
- I am required to probe witnesses and identify relevant lines of questioning

College of Paramedics

Somerset, United Kingdom

ALTERNATE COUNCIL MEMBER (INDEPENDENT SECTOR)

Nov. 2015 — Feb. 2017

- I participated in national meetings to set the strategy of the professional body
- My role was to ensure that the independent sector was adequately represented in a body overwhelmingly populated by Paramedics who work for NHS ambulance services
- I gained a broad insight into the development of the Paramedic profession