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My journey to general practice
I was brought up in the Netherlands and moved to Northern Ireland in 1998. I trained as a doctor at the University of Amsterdam and always wanted to specialise in tropical medicine. My family lives in the countryside where we have a farm - people with mental health issues and/or learning disabilities come to our farm to help out and recover, to improve social inclusion etc.

Life as a GP
Three days a week I work as a GP and the other two days I help on our ‘social farm.’ I really enjoy the balance! My practice in Lisnaskea has been a training practice for the last six years. Welcoming and supporting young doctors has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my job to date. I think it’s unfortunate that students don’t spend more time in general practice as there is a lot to learn.

Why general practice?
I was attracted to general practice because of the huge variety and challenges it brings. As well as the work-life balance that it offers. For me, there is a real sense of job satisfaction that comes with continuity of care and working in a multi-disciplinary team. I also enjoy the strategic aspects of general practice and looking beyond my consultation room – I am driven to make a real difference with regards to population health.

Special interests
I always had an interest in public health and medical education. I studied Medical Anthropology while in medical school and have completed a Masters in Public Health.

“Despite some of the challenges and stresses we face, it’s amazing how our practice team all come together to make it work for our patients.”