

Jo Crosswell

I left school at 16 with a collection of 'O' Levels in 1976 and only returned to studying in 2000 at the age of 39. My employer supported me through 3 years study with the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) to NVQ 4, in the final year of this I also passed the NVQ3 in Internal Audit.

The PIIA qualification was attained along with the Government Internal Audit Certificate (GIAC) followed by the completion of the MIIA examinations in June 2006 and sign off of my Log Book. I achieved MIIA by September 2006.

My audit work for Risk Assurance Division (RAD), part of the Department for Work and Pensions has, to date, been in either the finance areas or auditing in The Pension Service. From April 2007 RAD has made the move to working across the department using a matrix management approach. Future work, therefore could see me auditing anywhere in the DWP (for example Projects and Programmes, Jobcentre Plus, Disability and Carers, etc.)

I hope to make my contribution to the work of the IIA North West District Committee, and also reap the benefits of attending the CPD events both for increasing my knowledge and skills, and for the networking opportunities.