

Description

Lockdown

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Emma would like to dedicate this poem in loving memory to her father, Ray Hamilton, who supported her throughout her journey to midwifery *(died 12.07.2021)*.

In March 2020, part way into our second year,

A pandemic struck the world, spreading with it trepidation and fear.

“Unprecedented” was a word used to describe this unusual time

As we were pulled out of placement, and to our homes we were confined.

Lockdown began and the unknown drew in.

A thousand questions in my mind. Anxiety setting in.

“How would our studies continue? Would we complete our skills and hours?”

But our lecturers kept us reassured and made us feel empowered.

BU reacted quickly to the changing situation,

Providing on-line education and Snackchats for information.

Adapting to our new routine was a challenge in itself:

Kids at home, empty streets and no toilet roll on the shelf!

The NHS needed help as the virus soon got worse.

They called upon students: both midwife and nurse.

No childcare for me as my parents were isolating,

So I opted-out of practice, which was kind of frustrating.

The cohort was now divided: those opting in and those opting out.

“Will we someday be back together?” In my mind, I have no doubt.

As quarantine gradually eased, our studies from home continued.

We’re now six months on from when lockdown began (having eaten a lot of junk food).

With year three around the corner, I’m feeling extremely unprepared…

Six months out of placement has left me nervous, and a little scared.

Scared my skills are lacking, and being labelled a “lockdown” student midwife.

“Underskilled” and “inexperienced” are the current worries of my life.

When I started on this journey back in September 2018,

I never could have imagined how our second year would have been.

This year has really tested us, our patience and resilience.

As the ‘lockdown’ student midwives, I think we’ve all shown brilliance.

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