



## CASE STUDY

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**Course:**  
POET (Pre Obstetric Emergency Training)

### WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

Paramedic and Lecturer in Paramedicine.

### WHERE DO YOU WORK?

Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Sheffield Hallam University.

### HOW WAS THE COURSE USEFUL TO YOUR ROLE?

POET has given me the confidence to manage a developing maternity emergency whilst en route to the nearest receiving unit. Working within a rural setting, transfer times can be in excess of 30 minutes on blue lights, a lot can change in this transfer but POET has given me the skills to manage such changes.

The structured approach of the assessment and the discipline to have it applied to every scenario was excellent and was crucial to developing my confidence.

### WHAT DID YOU FIND SPECIFICALLY USEFUL?

The main area I found particularly useful was the application of knowledge applied to my setting. I feel many CPD events tailor their course material and scenarios to in-hospital however within this remit it is more the human factors that become the challenge. With pre-hospital it is the clinical environment, limited resources and it focuses you on your skills. POET gave me the opportunity to practice these and also to learn from others.

### WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THE COURSE TO COLLEAGUES?

Absolutely, and have already done so.

### IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WHICH WASN'T?

I felt the course was well structured and the assessors were well equipped to answer any questions. During restrictive practice it can be hard to organise training but I felt the course provider was able to manage this and did it well.



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