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Dedicated nurse retires

After almost half a century dedicated to caring for others in South Tyneside, Jackie Armstrong is finally enjoying some time to herself.

Jackie has retired from South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, where she was a staff nurse in children's A&E at South Tyneside District Hospital, bringing down the curtain on a career which began at the age of 18 as a student nurse at the then South Shields General Hospital.

She went on to do her general training and worked in many departments, including medicine, surgical, orthopaedics and elderly care, but decided to focus on children's nursing almost 40 years ago. South Shields born and bred, even when she moved to live in Durham, she decided that home is where the heart is and she chose to remain as a nurse at her local hospital.

"The hospital in South Shields has always been a brilliant place in which to work," said grandmother Jackie, 66. "It's 'my' hospital and I am proud to have been part of it. Being a nurse was never just a job to me. I got paid for doing something that I loved and I really feel blessed to have had the chance to work with all my lovely colleagues."

Ali James, Manager, Acute Children's Services, said: "Jackie has been part of the fabric of the paediatric unit for as long as nursing and medical staff can remember. She has guided and supported many of us and has cared for generations of families within South Tyneside. She will be missed by us all and we wish her all of the luck in the world for a long and happy retirement."

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Pictured above: Jackie Armstrong with Trust colleagues at her retirement party

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