

Sid Siddiqui Interview ‘From NPAG to Gogglebox’

(Interview pic above – Sid Siddiqui and Tony Gent, NPAG Facilitator)

How did you get involved in Gogglebox?

Through recommendation from a friend who worked for Studio Lambert. The audition took place in our living room, which involved us commenting on some photos that were flashed in front of us. There was no thinking time, every time you saw the photo you had to make a spontaneous remark.

How long have you been involved with the show?

Since from the very beginning, Feb 2013

How has Gogglebox changed your life?

We often get recognised and requested for a selfie. Being recognised gives you nice feeling most of the time but sometimes you do wish your privacy was not compromised. Overall, our lives have not changed, we still do what we always have done.

What are the positives and negatives of taking part in the show?

Depends on comments and feedbacks from the fans and media, fortunately, apart from one bad incident, when we made the headline as Siddiqui's, we always get good reviews and praise. My personal high was receiving the NTA award at Wembley Arena live on national TV.

What attracted you to become involved in NPAG?

This started back in 2007 when my job role changed from Estates Manager to an Environmental Manager, 60% of my new role was to do with waste management. Up until then I had none or very little knowledge of waste regulations. It was at the advice of Tony Gent, who was already an active member of Estates and Facilities NPAG groups.

What benefit has being a member of NPAG given you and your NHS Trust?

In a word 'vast'. The information and knowledge I gained in those early days from networking, listening to and working with experts, in the field of waste management gave me a good solid base for understanding regulations and good practices.

What affects does NPAG have on the NHS?

Being a member of a NPAG group gives you the opportunity to meet with likeminded individuals and identify areas of good practice that you can take away and implement in your own Trust. It also gives you an indication of where you are in terms of compliance when compared with your peers.

What does success look like for you both at work and in your home life?

Definition of success to me is sweet reward of one's commitment and prolonged hard work.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy working with a great professional team who are committed to providing a quality and efficient Estates service.

Can you offer a suggestion that you feel would offer increased value to NPAG members?

From waste best value group's perspective, there ought to be greater membership involvement, in particular being able to input into national policy. The Facilitator has a very important secondary role to ensure relevant legislative information is delivered through quality external speakers etc.

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