



### **Patty de Zwart.**

I have worked for the respiratory service for the last 3 years and have an interest in caring for people with asthma particularly teenagers. Prior to this I worked in many different areas including; community, intensive care and a paediatric respiratory ward. I have lived in New Zealand for a few years where I worked as a nurse on special care baby unit and a general Paediatric ward.

I moved to the North East in 1993 from the Netherlands - at the time that you could not get a decent cup of coffee anywhere in Newcastle! I am married with 3 teenage boys. I enjoy gardening, cycling and am generally very active.

Working for the respiratory service has given me the confidence and knowledge to support people with asthma which I am now able to share with Beat Asthma.