

**Name:**

Julie Smith

Country:

United Kingdom

Company:

Banham Poultry

Job Title:

Site Technical Manager

Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

I signed up for BRCGS Professional to support my efforts to impress on people the importance of food safety; the importance of Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) standards to our customers; and the impact on the factory of not having BRCGS certification or equivalent. I support and understand the Standard, and this programme impresses on others my depth of knowledge.

How has/will the recognition programme impacted your work?

The programme underpins my other qualifications, and gives confidence to customers and site management alike that suggested improvements will have benefits.

Would you have completed the component courses anyway?

I have completed Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 7 -Third Party Auditor Course, Internal Auditor, Root cause Analysis, HACCP and Risk Assessment. All courses are very well designed and I gained a good addition to my knowledge.

How did you get to your current role?

My current role is Site Technical Manager at Banham Poultry, and I have been in technical management for several years. I was previously at a company where everything was running well, but I like a challenge and could see potential for my skill set at my current site. I was promoted into the Site Technical Manager role when my previous manager was promoted to Director of Technical.

What are your career ambitions/aims?

I am happy in my current role as I am doing what I do well; however, I may consider an audit role in the future.