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On Wednesday 30th September, I was given the exciting task of attending Ulster Museum to represent recent Midwifery graduates. The purpose of the event was unknown to me at first, only once inside the gates of the museum where myself and the other Nursing attendees informed that we would be meeting with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall. The purpose of the visit was for them to meet with recent graduates who completed the final 6 months of their training during the pandemic. They were very interested to hear how that impacted upon us and how that changed the projection of our courses. I proudly spoke on behalf of my midwifery colleagues, speaking of how we rose to the situation and undertook our placements with courage and determination. On your behalf, I was thanked for the contribution and sacrifices that we all made to support the midwifery workforce. In this the International year of the Nurse and Midwife, surrounded by the beautiful Florence Nightingale exhibit it was praise that I humbly accepted.