

Update re. HealthWatch England

1. It is expected that HWE will be located in Leeds, though the Chair will also have an office in London.
2. The salary of the Chair of HWE will be a matter for the D of H and the CQC.
3. A Stakeholder Committee, to advise the CQC board on matters of strategy and policy, has been set up under Schedule One of the Health and Social Care Act of 2008 and this committee will be reviewed annually. Membership currently is:

Biographies for members of the Stakeholder Committee

John Harwood (Chair)

John Harwood is a former senior civil servant and local authority chief executive. He retired in 2008 from the Food Standards Agency where he was the chief executive. He served for almost twenty years as the chief executive of Lewisham Borough Council and of Oxfordshire County Council. In 2000, he moved to central government to be the founding chief executive of the Learning and Skills Council. He spent 2004 as the interim chief executive of Cumbria County Council before later moving to the FSA.

Andrew Cozens CBE

Andrew is a Strategic Adviser for the Local Government Group. In this role he advises central and local government and partner agencies in relation to children's services, adult social care, public health and local government's relationship with the NHS.

Before joining its predecessor body I&DeA in 2006, he spent ten years as director of social services in Gloucestershire and Leicester City. Prior to that, he worked in the statutory and voluntary sector in North Yorkshire and Birmingham.

He was President of the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADSS) in 2003/4. He is a Board member of the National Skills Academy for Social Care.

In a personal capacity he is Vice Chair of the Trustees of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

Arlene Wilkie, Chief Executive, Neurological Alliance (Biography to be provided)

Claire Murdoch

Claire is the Chief executive of CNWL Foundation Trust. She took up the post in January 2007 and led the trust to foundation status in May of that year.

Over the past 25 years Claire has held a series of positions working in inner London's mental health, substance misuse and learning disabilities services. Originally she trained as a psychiatric nurse at Friern Barnet Hospital where she qualified in 1987. After qualifying she worked at Friern Barnet, the Royal Free Hospital and in Camden and Islington. During this period she worked on developing models of care in the community as an alternative to those of the large institutions.

Claire joined the Trust as an Executive Director in 1999. She has a keen interest in social policy and holds a first class honours degree in this area.

She is a Trustee of the Foundation Trust Network which is actively involved in ensuring the success of the foundation trust sector.

David Congdon

David is Head of Campaigns and Policy at Mencap. He is responsible for campaigning and policy development. Recent major campaigns include Getting it Right, 'Death by Indifference', Changing Places, and Stand By Me.

He has had a long commitment to Health and Social Care, having been a member of a Health Authority and chair of Social Services. David was also on the panel for the DRC Formal Investigation into health inequalities experienced by people with learning disabilities or mental health problems. He is a founder member of Every Disabled Child Matters board, a Trustee of the National Development Team and a Trustee of National Voices.

Frances Blunden

Frances is senior policy manager at the NHS Confederation, the independent membership organisation which represents the full range of organisations that make up the modern NHS. Frances currently leads NHS Confederation work on regulation, quality, safety, informatics, and patient and public engagement.

Frances has extensive experience of research, policy and campaigning on key consumer and health issues across a range of organisations, including Government and the voluntary sector. Prior to joining the NHS Confederation, she was principal policy adviser at Which? (the largest consumer organisation in Europe) leading their policy and research work and campaigning on health issues.

Frances is currently a member of the National Information Governance Board, a statutory committee providing guidance on the use of personal data within the health and social care services.

Imelda Redmond CBE

As Chief Executive of Carers UK Imelda Redmond is responsible for ensuring carers have a voice. With over 6 million people in the UK caring for a relative or friend the need for them to be heard has never been so vital. Imelda believes passionately that caring is one of the most critical issues facing society in the 21st century and that carers should be recognised for their contribution and listened to for their expertise.

Imelda Redmond has had a lifelong commitment to improving the lives of disabled people and their families. Prior to joining Carers UK she ran family support services for children with disabilities and she is currently vice-chair of disabled children's charity Contact-a-Family. She is also a Non Executive Director of the Homerton University Trust and a Governor of a City Academy.

Dr James Kingsland

James is the Senior Partner and GP trainer in an award winning Personal Medical Services partnership in Wallasey. His practice is part of a first wave Clinical Commissioning Consortia Pathfinder.

He is the National Clinical Commissioning Network Lead funded by the Dept of Health to support the country-wide development and implementation of Clinical Commissioning.

He is President of the National Association of Primary Care.

He is part of the NHS Top Leaders programme of the National Leadership Council. He has been a GP advisor to the Department of Health on a number of policy areas over the last 12 years including an appointment as a personal advisor to Lord Darzi for the Next Stage Review.

He has been Vice Chair of a Health Authority, member of the GPC and currently serves as a Non Executive Director on the board of a Foundation Trust.

He includes broadcasting in his hobbies, hosting a weekly programme for BBC radio.

Professor Janice Sigsworth Director of Nursing, Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust
(Biography to be provided)

Jeremy Taylor

Jeremy is Chief Executive of National Voices, the national coalition of health and social care charities. He joined the organisation in 2009 - a year after its launch - and has been building its impact and visibility as a major voice for patients, service users, carers and their representatives. Jeremy is a member of the NHS Future Forum, the expert independent panel commissioned by the Prime Minister to advise the Coalition Government on its health reforms. He is also a board member of the Health Quality Improvement Partnership, the national body which promotes clinical audit.

Jeremy is a former senior Treasury official and has also been head of research at the Social Enterprise Coalition and Executive Director of Groundwork East London, part of the Groundwork federation of environmental charities.

John Adams

John is a social care professional who has worked in both the voluntary and statutory sectors. Since 2005 he's been the General Secretary of the Voluntary Organisations Disability Group (VODG) an umbrella body for voluntary sector provider organisations. John is a trustee of a number of charities and has held/holds a number of public appointments including currently; Chair of the Department of Health's Voluntary Sector & Social Enterprise Sounding Board; SCIE's 'Get Connected' Advisory Board; Lord Low's DLA Review Steering Group. John is a Social Worker by background and was formerly a long-serving Director at Scope. He was awarded the OBE in 2011 for services to social care.

Dr Laurence Buckman, Chairman, General Practitioners Committee, BMA

Miranda Wixon

Miranda is the Managing Director and founder of the Homecare Partnership, an independent domiciliary care provider providing services to people living in their own homes in North London. Having trained as a Registered Nurse at the Middlesex Hospital in Central London Miranda has worked in domiciliary care being passionate about people being given choice and opportunity to live independent full lives in their own homes. A founder member of the United Kingdom Home Care Association's national executive in 1989 and an executive member of Ceretas since 1995 Miranda has been a familiar campaigner of the national issues affecting the sector. Miranda is the immediate past Chair of the Care Providers Alliance. Currently along with Peter Hay of ADASS Miranda is co-chair of the Think Local Act Personal; a social movement towards personalised, community based support. Miranda is also a trustee of Action on Elder Abuse and of the Brent LINK.

Patrick Vernon

Patrick is Chief Executive of the Afiya Trust one of the leading race equality health charities in the country (<http://www.afiya-trust.org/>).

Patrick has previously worked as a senior civil servant at the Department of Health and Local Government Association; Director of the Brent Health Action Zone (Brent Primary Care Trust), and Regional Director for MIND. Patrick is former Non Executive Director of Camidoc (GP out of hour's service in North London) and a trustee for Social Action for Health in East London. Finally, Patrick is a member of the Department of Health Equality Diversity Council, Ministerial Advisory Group for Mental Health and Chair of Healthwatch Advisory Group.

Paul Jenkins

Paul Jenkins is Chief Executive of Rethink Mental Illness, the leading national mental health membership charity, working to help everyone affected by severe mental illness recover a better quality of life. We aim to make a practical and positive difference by providing hope and empowerment through effective services and support to all those who need us. We campaign for better services and are partners in "Time to Change" the national programme to challenge stigma and discrimination in the area of mental health.

Paul, born in 1963, was previously Director of Service Development for NHS Direct. He has previously been involved in the implementation of a number of other major national government initiatives including the Next Steps Programme and the 1993 Community Care Reforms. He has an MBA from Manchester Business School.

He was awarded an OBE in 2002 for his role in setting up NHS Direct and is a member of the Carers' Standing Commission.

Paul is married with two children and lives in Leeds. He is a passionate supporter of the Welsh Rugby Team.

Professor Sir Roger Boyle (Biography to be provided)

Sally Taber Director, Independent Healthcare (Biography to be provided)

Sarah Norman Director of Adult and Community, Wolverhampton Council (Biography to be provided)

Sue Slipman

Sue is the Chief Executive of the Foundation Trust Network where she has worked since the founding of the organisation in 2005. Before that she was chair of the financial Ombudsman Service and a previous Director of Camelot Group plc, The Gas Consumers council and the National council for One Parent Families. In addition she has held a number of public appointments in the fields of corporate responsibility, education and consumer affairs. She is currently a Trustee of the NEST Corporation.

Susie Sanderson

Susie Sanderson qualified from Liverpool Dental School in 1975. After a hospital post, she became an associate and then partner in a mixed family practice in Sheffield. Recently standing down as partner, she continues to work in NHS general practice.

She is Chair of the British Dental Association's Executive Board and was Chair of the National Conference of LDCs in 2005. BDA involvement locally and nationally includes health policy and a wide range of member interests. Susie also represents the profession in Europe and internationally.

Dr Sanderson is a member of the Medical Education England Board, the MEE Dental Programme Board and the Clinical Reference Group of the Cooperation and Competition Panel for NHS services.

Michelle Mitchell

Michelle is Charity Director for Age UK. She is responsible for the charity's influencing, international, and research activity. Michelle was previously Communications Director for Age Concern England. Under her direction, Age Concern won numerous awards for national PR and public affairs campaigns which resulted in legislative change and shifts in public attitudes. As Chair of the gender equality charity, Fawcett (2005-2008), Michelle led a strategic review and repositioning programme. Michelle has a BA in Economics, MA in Politics and Administration, an International Executive Diploma from INSEAD and has completed the Innovations in Government Programme at Harvard University JFK School.