

Volunteer Patient Members:

Liz Annison

Trained as a nurse in Ipswich then moved to work with the Norwich Hospital Trust. In the late 80s, left the NHS to work for Social Services as an assistant manager and then manager of two establishments. I retired early then worked for an agency supplying reception/administration staff to Norfolk GP practices.

Douglas Beattie

I had a career of twenty six years service as a senior nurse manager in the acute unit of the Norwich Health Authority. I was appointed a Mental Health Act Manager in 1994 and served twenty years in this capacity, firstly in Norwich, in the area of Learning Difficulties, and later across the whole spectrum of the Norfolk and Suffolk Mental Health Trust.

Rob Fenton

Rob is a retired project director specialising in multi billion dollar international engineering/procurement and construction projects. Has expertise in change management and re-engineering organisations and business processes. Is a trained coach, a business turn-round consultant and currently teaches maths for fun.

Anthony Finon.

Initially trained as a plumbing and heating engineer, worked abroad for many years as a VSO volunteer and private contractor. Managed projects building schools, houses, laboratories and water schemes in remote areas. Set up businesses, providing on job training to local artisans. Moved into technical teaching, working at various F.E. colleges and private training organisations as a Lecturer, Internal Verifier and Assessor.

Saskia Gent

My career is in communications and I specialise in parliamentary campaigning on environmental issues. I have worked for the Minister of Environment in Canada, for the World Wildlife Fund in the UK and for various politicians and NGOs in Strasbourg and Westminster. Currently I work as a communications consultant and as a guest lecturer at the University of East Anglia.

Alan Greengrass

I worked as a postman for well over 20 years. I have no background of NHS or health connections just that of a regular patient.

Mick Sewter

I started teaching in September 1963, and have been firmly involved with education for about fifty years. I retired as an inspector of schools in about 2010, although I still work occasionally for Ofsted and educational publishers. From about 2000, I worked full-time for the University of Reading, followed by the University of Cambridge and the British Council where I later spent some time devising courses and training the trainers of Headteachers at the University in Malawi. I also inspected their schools and inspection programme and advised on setting up their new inspection service. For a number of years, I have worked as an adviser for the local branch of Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Gillian Warrin

After completing my degree I worked for BA in logistics for five years. I then trained to be a primary school teacher and worked in Essex and Norfolk until 2003 but stopped working to become a carer for my daughter.

Mick and Gillian have been involved with Oliver Cruickshank in organising events to enable members of PPGs across South Norfolk to get together to discuss ways of working and developments in South Norfolk health and social care.

June Websdale

Prior to having children I was employed at British Gas as a Customer Service Administrator. Following the birth of my children I worked for BUPA/Spire Norwich hospital for over 27 years working in various departments, including HR, Bookings and Admissions Officer, Laser Sight Centre Co-ordinator and finally Theatre Administration Co-ordinator for the last 22 years.

For a short period was seconded to the position of NHS Co-ordinator at Spire Norwich Hospital liaising with the local NHS hospitals to facilitate the admissions of patients for orthopaedic procedures

Rachelle Wolfe

Initially I trained as an Occupational Therapist and worked at Barnet General Hospital for 4 years. For various reasons I took a temporary job in the Department of Employment, this career lasted 27 years and included being part of the team that created the Open College and then 82 Training and Enterprise Councils. I was project manager moving Investors in People out of the public sector into private sector. When I left I was self-employed as a management consultant and retrained, amongst other things, in the Shamanic healing arts.