

My main career was 32 years in HM Revenue & Customs (formerly Inland Revenue) in various locations throughout the country. I was originally a Tax Inspector and in my final 15 years worked in a variety of roles at regional and national level. As Deputy Change Director I received the OBE in 2002 in recognition of services to the Inland Revenue. As Director Corporate Services in Northern England I was responsible for support services throughout the North of England including governance, finance, IT, business development and HR functions.

Following early retirement from the Civil Service in 2006 I worked part time as a development, change and recruitment consultant and was a Non-Executive Director on the County Durham (and later Darlington) PCT boards for almost 7 years until the PCTs were dissolved in March 2013.

More recently I was Chair of NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group (DDES CCG) Governing Body for 3 years from its inception in August 2012. I continue to work part time under contract to NHS England in various committee and Board roles.

Outside the NHS I'm the independent chair of the Active Durham partnership, which promotes the benefits of increased physical activity for everyone across County Durham. In addition, I am a County Durham Community Foundation Board member; a trustee and Vice Chair of Teesdale Day Clubs; and have been a Beanstalk reading volunteer at Evenwood C of E Primary School for over 5 years.

I have been keen to be a school governor for a while and was delighted to be asked to join the governing body at Aycliffe Village Primary, as a Co-opted Governor. I hope that my experience, particularly in the field of finance, governance and HR, will be helpful to the school and I'm really looking forward to experiencing this new environment.