

## **Biographies of Chair and membership of the NICE local Government Reference Group**

### **Barry Anderson:** **Councillor, Leeds City Council**

Barry has been a Local Government Councillor on Leeds City Council for 15 years. He was brought up and educated in East Lothian, Scotland and started as a trainee accountant with Scottish & Newcastle Breweries in 1978. He joined the Leeds Permanent Building Society as a trainee branch manager in 1984 and moved to Leeds in 1992. Barry has chaired a number of Scrutiny Inquiries on Leeds City Council in his role as Chair since 2004, leading on subjects such as Fuel Poverty, Older People's Housing and Domestic Violence, all of which relate to health.

Barry is also a member of the Council's Development Plans Panel and Shadow Spokesman for the Conservative Group on Housing, IT and HR. He is also a member of the Equalities Working Group and his local Health & Wellbeing Committee. He is a member of his local Patient User Group at his GP surgery. He also acts as an advisor to Older Peoples' Action in the Locality (OPAL) committee, a Neighbourhood Network based in his Ward. He sits on various local residents' groups to give advice and help. He was a Director of the Leeds Deaf & Blind Society for 3 years.

### **Gary Bickerstaffe:** **Health Improvement Specialist, Bolton Council**

Gary Bickerstaffe works for the Public Health Department within Bolton Council. He has been in this post for eight years. Previous to this he was a Smoking Cessation Specialist for Hospitals for Bolton Stop Smoking Service. Much of his public health work has concentrated on secondary care and helping to establish strategies and practices that contributed to the wider primary care and community development of preventative health initiatives. Gary has been a member of two NICE guidance committees to date, on the topics of smoking cessation in secondary care and on cessation on delaying dementia, disability and frailty. Gary has also worked closely with Public Health England and the Department of Health on hospital food initiatives.

### **Elizabeth Blenkinsop:** **Service Manager of The Joint Public Health Unit at Wakefield**

Liz's Career began in 1984 as an Environmental Health officer at Sheffield City Council and has worked in a number of Local Authorities becoming Area Manager for Environmental Health in Wakefield in 2004. She is a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner.

Liz is currently the Service manager of The Joint Public Health unit (JPHU) at Wakefield, and has held this post since 2007. This is a jointly appointed post between NHS Wakefield and the Local Authority.

The JPHU is responsible for commissioning Primary prevention services on behalf of the Director of Public Health, the Public Health Analyst team, coordinating joint (LA and PCT) campaigns around public health issues, public health capacity building, developing the district JSNA and NHS Wakefield prime responsibility for Obesity and Physical activity issues.

**Paul Brookes:**

**Public Health & Protection Manager, Chelmsford City Council**

Paul is a Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner. Having previously worked at North Warwickshire Borough Council and Ipswich Borough Council he is currently responsible for public health, environmental health, licensing, safeguarding and community safety at Chelmsford City Council. He is keen to ensure District Councils' role in delivering the public health agenda is recognised by local authorities, clinicians, and central government. Current work is focused on aligning community safety and public health outcomes especially in respect of alcohol related harm.

Paul is a member of Mid-Essex Clinical Commissioning Group System Leadership Group, a member of the Regulatory Services Reference Panel for the Local Better Regulation Office, and an LGA Peer Challenger.

**Dave Burnham:**

**Project Lead: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

Dave Burnham currently works with the Transition Alliance North West, leading on supporting the development across the region of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint health and Wellbeing Strategy. He started out as a Probation Officer, then worked in child care before moving onto training and management. Over the last ten years his principle paid roles have been leading on Performance Management in Adult Social Care, strategic intelligence and the JSNA and latterly leading on community engagement for Lancashire County Council.

**Penny Byrne:**

**Community Member**

As a Wirral mother, Penny is the Chair of Wirral's Maternity Services Liaison Committee (MSLC) – facilitated by NHS Wirral – having held the post of Vice Chair and also facilitating the Service User Involvement Working Group for the past 2 years. From this work with the MSLC she has developed a good understanding of, and an interest in, the health agenda and health services.

Penny has held a number of employed posts with the aim of improving outcomes for groups within the community, particularly children, young people and families. She has looked at a number of issues in relation to this group including; the performing arts, the environment and leisure facilities, 14-19 education, literacy, and housing and homelessness. She also has a broad perspective and experience of engaging service users in service commissioning and development, as well as practical experience of boards and steering groups.

Penny is currently the Regional Children's Co-ordinator (North West) for Shelter – the housing and homelessness charity. This post has two key areas of work – to enable services working with children and families to assist parents with housing/homelessness issues, and to support local authorities to improve joint working between housing and children's services to ensure better outcomes for homeless children.

**Karen Calder:**

**Cabinet Member for Health, Chair of HWBB, Shropshire Council**

Councillor Karen Calder is the elected member to Shropshire Council for the rural division of Hodnet in Shropshire. She is the Cabinet Member for Health and Chair of the Shropshire Health and Wellbeing Board. She has been an elected member of Shropshire Local Government at District, County and now unitary level for 12 years. Previous areas of work within Local Government include Children's Services and Chair of Planning and Health Scrutiny.

**Keith Cunliffe:**

**Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services, Wigan Council**

**Isobel Duckworth:**

**Consultant in Public Health – North East Lincolnshire Council**

Isobel's career started in nursing in a wide range of roles, progressing through to Occupational Health Advisor in the private sector focusing on health education and then moving into wider health promotion (Buckinghamshire) . Developing into management of a local health promotion team (Chichester- West Sussex) Isobel then took a sabbatical to work in Romania through VSO on maternal and child health through a British /Romania NGO (non-governmental agency). On return she moved from the NHS into local government at a borough council level in Havant (in a joint funded post between the NHS and LA).

In the reorganisation of the NHS she moved back to the NHS (Western Sussex Primary Care Trust). Following a national public health training scheme in Yorkshire and the Humber and a period of time working in Greater Manchester to reduce inequalities through the acute hospital setting based on the WHO Healthy Hospitals approach, Isobel moved to North East Lincolnshire (part of Yorkshire and the Humber region) to become a Public Health Consultant. This was based within the NHS until April 2013 when public health formally moved to the local authority- a unitary authority. Isobel's main areas of work are maternal and child health, sexual health and currently acting as the Deputy Director of Public Health.

**Rachel Flowers:**

**Deputy Director- Organisational Development/ Public Health Specialist Planning**

Rachel Flowers currently has a split portfolio working for both Public Health England and the Greater London Authority (GLA). At PHE she works within a small Organisational Development team with a national brief. At GLA she leads on (re)integrating health into planning at a Greater London level, working across the planning, architectural, designing and public health arena and those who work in them in London at a local and regional level.

Rachel started her career as an environmental health officer in the West Midlands working in local government, both an enforcing officer and community development officer, for over twenty years. Moving to the NHS in 2003 she has worked in the South East and London as an Assistant Director of Public Health and a Consultant in Public Health.

In 2009 Rachel became the first Environmental Health Officer Director of Public Health in England working within Newham, one of the most disadvantaged areas in England where she was a member of the Corporate Management Team of the London Borough of Newham. Rachel has worked with the current and previous Governments and a range of government departments both in her day job and also in

her volunteer roles as Vice Chair of a national public health charity and Vice Chair of the Policy Development Board of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and currently Vice Chair of a Board of Governors at The Royal Docks School in Newham.

**Dominic Harrison**

**Joint Director of Public Health for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council**

Dominic Harrison is the Joint Director of Public Health for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, the NHS Care Trust Plus (PCT) and the local Clinical Commissioning Group. He was previously employed as the Deputy Regional Director of Public Health within the Department of Health, Government Office North West in England and has worked as an Associate Director for the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) and the Health Development Agency.

Dominic holds an honorary academic post with the University of Central Lancashire and is a Board member of a number of NGOs.

He is also currently working with the European Office of the World Health Organization on the European Social Determinants and Health Divide Review chaired by Sir Michael Marmot.

**Teresa Heritage:**

**Cabinet Member for Public Health and Localism, Hertfordshire County Council**

Teresa has been a County Councillor for over 5 years. She served as Deputy Executive Member for Health and Adult Care at Hertfordshire before taking up her Cabinet position in May 2013, stepping into a completely new portfolio created to encompass Public Health and its synergies with the Localism health and wellbeing agenda. Teresa also sits on Hertfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board. Teresa is a Chartered Secretary and prior to joining the County Council had worked in the mining sector.

**John Illingworth:**

**Health Scrutiny Chair, Leeds City Council**

John Illingworth is a biochemist who has served as a local councillor in Leeds for most of his working life. His research interests were in cardiac metabolism and he taught anatomy, biochemistry and physiology to medical and science students at Leeds University until his retirement in 2011. He is currently focused on narrowing the 10-year gap in life expectancy between the richest and the poorest areas of Leeds, and on raising the average level of physical activity in the general population.

**Sharan Jones:**

**Health and Wellbeing Manager, Nottingham City Council**

Sharan Jones is the Health and Wellbeing Manager in the Early Intervention Directorate at Nottingham City Council. As a member of the public health team, Sharan works in partnership to embed health and wellbeing in the policies and strategies of the wider determinants of health and ensure that the needs of vulnerable adults are supported.

Sharan is currently leading on the proposals to develop Nottingham as an age-friendly and dementia friendly city.

Prior to joining the council ten years ago, Sharan was a curriculum manager and lecturer in several colleges of further education having started her career working in the NHS.

.

**Jim McManus:**

**Director of Public Health, Hertfordshire County Council and Visiting Senior Clinical Fellow, University of Hertfordshire**  
**Visiting Research Fellow, Heythrop College, University of London**

Jim McManus has been Director of Public Health for Hertfordshire since July 2012. Before that he was Joint Director of Public Health for Birmingham City Council and the three Birmingham NHS Primary Care Trusts and previously Assistant Director/Consultant in Public Health in East London and Public Health Lead for the North East London Cardiac and Stroke Network. He has previously worked in the NHS, Local Government, the voluntary sector (national and local) and the private sector. His interests include health improvement and the application of social sciences in public health.

Jim's first degree was in theology and he is both a Chartered Psychologist and a Chartered Scientist and an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society. Jim has worked in equalities for some time. He co-authored Home Office Toolkits on hate crime reduction and was appointed by the Lord Chancellor as part of the committee which advised the judiciary of England and Wales on equality and diversity.

He is a member of the British Academy Health Inequalities Editorial Group, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges Health Inequalities Forum, the Advisory Group for the Centre for Diet and Activity Research at the University of Cambridge and a member of the National Institute for Health Research Programme Advisory Board on Public Health.

In 2011 he was awarded the Good Samaritan Medal for Healthcare in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI, which is the highest honour for health work the Vatican can bestow.

He has published in *The Furrow*; *The Month*; *The Tablet*; *Southern Medical Journal*; *Nursing Management*; *The Psychologist*; *Journal of the Institute of Health Education*; *Health Education Journal*; *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*; *Oxford and Southwell Papers on Church and Society*; *Modern Believing*; *CJM*; *Safer Society* and other publications. His publications for central government include publications on the relationship between health and crime reduction (2002-2005), effective interventions in drug and alcohol use (2002-2005) and the national guidance on faith communities and emergency planning including mass fatalities, (2008) and faith communities and pandemic 'flu (2008.)

**Ian Reekie:**

**Community Member**

Since his retirement as a local authority chief leisure officer in 2004 Ian Reekie has become increasingly involved in voluntary and community activity with a focus on improving health and wellbeing. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire and of the Board of the Humber Sports Partnership. He was also Chair of the North Lincolnshire Patient and Public Involvement Forum before being appointed as a Non-Executive Director of NHS North Lincolnshire in 2008. He is currently lay vice-chair of the new North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Ian has also served as a community member on two NICE programme development groups producing guidance on the prevention of CVD and working with local communities to prevent obesity.

**Derek Ward:**

**Joint Director of Public Health for NHS Derby City**

Derek has worked in the City for nearly 2 years, having originally covered the Director of public Health post on secondment from his role in the Department of Health. Prior to this, Derek was a Consultant in Public Health and a senior civil servant in the regional office of the Department of Health (DH).

Derek has worked for the DH since 1998. He has worked in a variety of posts in three different regions (North West, North East and East Midlands), as well as working in a national role in Research and Development. He has also worked at a senior level in Public Health in two other Primary Care Trusts.

Derek is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health and a member of the Association of Directors of Public Health.

**Phillip Woodward:**

**Chair of NICE Local Government External Reference Group**

Retired January 2012 from his post as Chief Executive of Fylde Borough Council, a post he had held since 2006. During this time he represented Lancashire Chief Executives on the North West Public Health Transition Oversight Group and as Chair of the Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Partnership.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive he was Director of Environmental Services with Fylde Borough and held similar positions with local authorities in Portsmouth and Chesterfield.

He graduated as an Environmental Health Officer in 1976 and worked for a number of local authorities in the East Midlands, specialising in environmental protection and housing work. He was elected as a trustee of the Council of the Royal Society for Public Health (of which he is a Fellow) between 2005 and 2009.