

Keynote speaker biographies

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Kay Haughton



Director of Transformation, West of England Academic Health Science Network

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Kay Haughton joined as Director of Service Transformation in May 2018 from Gloucestershire CCG where she was Deputy Director of Nursing. Kay trained as a nurse at Charing Cross Hospital and had over 30 years' experience across the acute and community sectors including senior roles as a surgical and community matron before moving into commissioning. Kay has an MSc in Leadership and Management in Health and Social Care and has completed the Kings Fund Top Managers Programme.

Prior to joining the staff at the AHSN Kay was already an active member of the AHSN community, and worked with us closely on the Patient Safety Collaborative Board and supports many of our PSC projects and is an active Q member.

Alison Tavaré



Primary Care Clinical Lead, West of England Academic Health Science Network

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Alison is a Bristol GP and the Primary Care clinical lead with the 'Deteriorating Patient' team at the West of England AHSN.

One of her roles is to raise awareness of sepsis, and in particular the use of NEWS (National Early Warning Scores) to support the identification and management of the sick patient. This work has been a system wide collaboration between primary care, out of hours, the ambulance service, and the acute trusts, and has resulted in a measured reduction from mortality from 'suspicion of sepsis'. The team have won the BMJ Awards 2018 'Patient Safety Team of the Year' and the HSJ 2018 Patient Safety award for the 'Deteriorating Patients and Rapid Response Systems'. Alison is now co-leading the West of England and NHS England collaboration to see if the use of NEWS2 can help improve outcomes for people with learning disabilities.

Kevin Elliott



Lead Nurse, Learning Disability Programme, NHS England South West

Kevin is as Lead Nurse in the South West area which involves leading on improving health outcomes for people with a learning disability. Prior to this role Kevin was one of the National Clinical Leads in Transforming Care team at NHS England

He has previously worked as a NHS Commissioner in Gloucestershire for people with learning disabilities, as a Strategic Health Facilitator and has held various nursing roles in Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

In his spare time Kevin is a Trustee for Inclusion Gloucestershire which is a charity run by people with disabilities, and a Trustee of Building Circles Gloucestershire which, is a charity that focuses on reducing social isolation of people with a learning disability.

Roger Banks



Consultant in Psychiatry, NHS England

Dr Roger Banks is a Consultant in the Psychiatry of Learning Disability. He has 27 years of experience in the field and has worked in Sheffield, Liverpool and North Wales, where he is also Honorary Senior Lecturer at Bangor University. Dr Banks is a Senior Clinician with the NHS England Learning Disability programme and is leading a project on the evaluation of quality of life.

Aaron Oxford



Learning disability and autism network manager, NHS England

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Aaron works at NHS England as a learning disability and autism network manager. Aaron works on national projects like LeDeR , Stomp/Stamp , Learning into action and Transforming care.

Aaron's team the learning disability and autism engagement team work on promoting engagement between doctors and health professionals and people with a learning disability , autism or both and family carers

Short talks about change speakers

Cheryl Hampson



Outcome Manager – Integrated Disabilities Commissioning, Gloucestershire County Council and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group

Cheryl is a results focused leader who has worked in Health & Social care since 2002. She is experienced in managing and commissioning community based health & social care services in Gloucestershire. In particular her strengths in strategic thinking, service development, relationship building, implementing new policies, leading on design of reviews/audits, co-production and delivering presentations and training to a range of audiences.

Cheryl has been working in the Integrated Disabilities Commissioning Hub since 2017 and has led the early intervention, prevention and reducing health inequalities agenda for people with learning disabilities; In particular leading on Annual Health Checks, LeDeR, Clinical Programme management, Joint strategic needs analysis, shared lives and contract management with our local NHS provider.

Simon Shorrick



Strategic Health Facilitator - Learning Disabilities, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

During Simons 17 years with the Trust, he has worked with dedication and enthusiasm to reduce health inequalities, focusing on the “whole” person, the environment and well-being. Simon works in partnership with statutory, voluntary, private, tertiary organisations, partner agencies and Experts by Experience, to achieve inclusion, choice and better access to main stream services.

Simon’s professional interest focuses on Health Inequalities and Better Healthcare training, Reasonable Adjustments and easy read workshops. Some of his current projects include Annual Health Checks, development of the GP Annual Health Check Packs and resources, restructuring of the Health Action Group focusing on targets within the NHS 10 Year Plan.

Arzu Anderson



Student in Learning Disabilities Nursing, University of West of England

Arzu is a final year student in Learning Disabilities Nursing at University of West of England. She enjoyed working in a wide-range of services in Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) for 11 years. Her roles included service coordinating for people with complex needs and working as an Assistant Psychologist in Memory Service. She is currently sponsored by AWP to study Learning Disability Nursing and is on placement with the Intensive Health Outreach Team in Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. During her placement, she has been developing a tool for early detection of physical health deterioration in adults with learning disabilities to be used by non-clinical staff.

Arzu will be co-presenting with Marc Pratt, Team Leader Intensive Health Outreach Team from Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Lindsey Thomas

Locality Manager for BaNES and BNSSG, Skills for Care

Lindsey works for Skills for Care who help create a well-led, skilled and valued adult social care workforce. They’re a trusted independent charity with over 18 years’ experience in workforce development, working as a delivery partner for the Department of Health and Social Care. They also work closely with related services such as health and housing and are the membership organisation for registered managers.

Alice Draisey



Manager, The Brandon Trust

Alice has been working for the Brandon Trust for the past five years and has a passion for working with adults with profound and multiple disabilities. She is currently managing a service of 14 people with such diagnosis. Over the years Alice has been keen to develop the service to ensure that people supported receive the same opportunities as anyone else, whether that be in their day to day lives or when accessing health services. Alice has worked hard to establish key links with outside professionals to directly benefit the people who use their services.

Jacky Martel



Carer and Business Manager, HousingLIN

Jacky has supported carers for 21 years following the birth of her eldest son who has autism and a profound learning disability, including co-founding the charity Allsorts which supports families of children and young adults with disabilities or additional needs. Jacky was Strategy and Development Manager at Carers Gloucestershire for over 10 years and has a particular interest in supporting carers of people with learning disabilities and autism and behaviour described as challenging and been involved in the Transforming Care work in Gloucestershire to secure better, more person-centred support for people. Jacky now works for HousingLIN, which aims to promote solutions that enable everyone to live well in good quality housing and has set up a community interest company, Family Partnership Solutions, with colleagues to continue to try and make a difference.

Tony Goring



Project Manager, West of England AHSN

Tony is a Project Manager in the Patient Safety team at West of England AHSN, and is currently working on the West of England regional ReSPECT (Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment) project.

He joined the AHSN in May 2018 following a career in managing projects in the charity sector, retail sales management and teaching.

Najeeb Ahmed



Project Manager, West of England AHSN

Najeeb holds MBA degree and is a Project Manager in the Innovation and Growth team at West of England AHSN, and is currently working on hyvr – our social media platform for healthcare to connect, collaborate and innovate. Apart from hyvr he also provides supports to SMEs and larger companies by providing them with an initial assessment on their product or service and provide advice on where the opportunities for their solution exist and the best people to connect with, drawing on our network.

He joined the AHSN in June 2019 following a project management career within the Healthcare sector in the UK and development sector in Afghanistan.

We have a team of Jargon Busters who will have yellow name badges, and are happy to be asked for help by anyone, at any time during the day.