

Diana is a Consultant Rheumatology Nurse at Sussex MSK Partnership in Brighton. She has previously been President of British Health Professionals in Rheumatology (BHPR) and a member of the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Rheumatology Forum Committee.

Diana qualified as a nurse in 1985 at Kings in London. She then began working in dermatology and rheumatology as a staff nurse. She then worked for several years in intensive care and cardiology, and it was whilst there she studied for a master's degree in clinical sciences. Discovering an interest in the immune system during her studies she was able to move some of her time into a Rheumatology Nurse Specialist role, and eventually swapped to this as a full-time career. Diana has worked at Worthing Hospital and Sussex Community Foundation Trust in Brighton before becoming Clinical Lead and helping to set up the Sussex MSK partnership (Central).

She developed an interest in education, lecturing at Brighton university as part of her Consultant Nurse Role, and enjoyed helping to develop self-management programs for people with musculoskeletal and rheumatological conditions and also working with NRAS to deliver their programs locally in recent years.

Diana has participated in working groups for a number of BSR guidelines and also participated in the development of the first NICE quality standard guidance for Rheumatoid arthritis. She also recently led on the development of RCN Competency Framework for Rheumatology Nurses published in March 2020. She is currently leading on the evaluation of that document, and has recently joined the British Society of Rheumatology (BSR) Education Committee as their first ever elected Nurse member. She is also a member of the BSR steering committee looking at Rheumatology Nurse education.