

Panel discussion – Speaker biographies

Paul Charlton, NIHR Patient Research Champion

Paul is a NIHR Patient Research Champion. For some ten years now he has been involved in health research from the perspective of a patient who has experienced illness and from the perspective of a carer. He is a patient mentor on the NIHR 'Improving Healthcare through Clinical Research' Future Learn on-line course.

From 2017-19 Paul took part in the collaboration which introduced research activity as a CQC inspection measure of successful health care in hospitals.

Paul's research involvement is driven by his family's experience of ill health, including early death. His poetry describes those experiences.

Gordon Hill, Cross School Lead for International, School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow Caledonian University

Gordon became a clinical research nurse in 1994, working on academic and commercial clinical trials. In 1996 he was appointed as the Associate Nurse Manager in the Clinical Research Facility in Edinburgh and upon moving to Higher education in 2006 he established academic courses in Clinical Research.

Gordon also established the Scottish Research Nurse and Co-ordinators' Network <https://www.srnscn.org/> in 2005. He remains an expert in the field and has given Clinical Research Masterclasses in China, Singapore and Taiwan and has presented in the USA, UK and Ireland. Gordon is also the Co-chair of the UK & Irish Branch of the [IACRN](#).

Dr Ann McMahon, Co-Editor in Chief, Journal of Research in Nursing

Dr Ann McMahon's nursing experience spans 4 decades. She registered in mental health and general nursing as a graduate nurse in the early 80's and after working in both mental health and general nursing elected to specialise in cancer nursing. The Christie Hospital in Manchester was a 'research rich' clinical environment and she went on to complete a Master's degree in Nursing, at the University of Manchester. From here she specialised in research leadership roles, initially within the NHS and then at the Royal College of Nursing as Professional lead for Research

Ann retired from the RCN at the end of 2019 but she is still active in nursing as Co-Editor in Chief of the Journal of Research in Nursing and as Trustee of the Foundation of Nursing Studies. She holds an honorary teaching position at the University of Glasgow and is an Honorary Professor at Plymouth University.

Jayne Goodwin, Head of Research Delivery, Health and Care Research Wales

Jayne is the National Head of Research Delivery in Wales providing nationwide, operational oversight of research delivery to ensure a rapid and responsive service for high quality research activities.

Jayne is a Registered General Nurse with a wealth of clinical experience and knowledge having working in the NHS since 1987 and completed MSc studies in Professional Practice and Health and Social Care Leadership. She is currently a PhD student with Bangor University, North Wales. Jayne has worked within the clinical research delivery setting since 2000 in various roles supporting the continuous development and improvement of research capability and capacity building in Wales. Jayne is an honorary lecturer at Bangor University.

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Gail Byrne, Chief Nursing Officer, University Hospitals Southampton

Gail joined the Trust in 2010 as deputy director of nursing and head of patient safety. Prior to this, she has worked at the Strategic Health Authority as head of patient safety, and director of clinical services at Portsmouth Hospital.

Gail has also worked in Brisbane, Australia as a hospital Macmillan nurse, and as general manager of a special purpose vehicle company for the private finance initiative at South Manchester Hospitals.