

**Professor Ruth Endacott, Director for Nursing and Midwifery, The National Institute of Health Research, UK**

Ruth Endacott has been a Professor of Critical Care Nursing for 20 years, in the UK and Australia, following a career in ICU practice and education.

Ruth's research examines the organisational aspects of critical care services, such as developing and sustaining a competent nursing and midwifery workforce and the use of simulation to develop and test competency, particularly for management of patient deterioration. She was Chief Investigator for the first study in the SEISMIC (Study to Evaluate Introduction of Staffing Models in ICu) programme and for a European study to develop competencies for advanced nursing practice in critical care.

Ruth has recently been appointed as the inaugural Director of Nursing & Midwifery at the NIHR.