



Trustees

Mike Parsons

Mike is the Chairman of the Barchester Healthcare Foundation. Mike has vast management experience originally from within the advertising and design business, where as Chief Operating Officer, he rationalised the Saatchi International network, involving the merging of many different people businesses.

Following two years in the US researching various healthcare facilities and business practices, Mike returned to the UK and set up Country Life Care Centres, which merged with Eskgrove in 1994 to form Barchester Healthcare. Over the next 16 years, Mike oversaw the development of Barchester to the position it holds today as the fourth largest nursing care provider in the UK and the premium operator in the sector. Mike is now Group Chief Executive for Grove as well as the CEO of Barchester and is responsible for the continued development of the Grove Group both in Britain and in the international market. Grove consists of Barchester, Richmond Care Villages, Castlebeck, Trilogy (USA) and is a minority shareholder in Cygnet Healthcare.

Christine Hodgson

Christine has been involved in organising and raising funds for various charities for over 25 years. She has held many positions within charities including secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. She brings a very hands on approach to the team and has an in-depth knowledge of how charities strive to raise funds for good causes and how these funds are best applied and put into good use by the charities concerned.

Christine works for Barchester Healthcare as Home Administrator at Forest Hill Care Home in Worksop, Nottinghamshire. She has a day-to-day working knowledge and understanding of the group of people that The Foundation has been set up to help and support.

Malcolm Johnson

Malcolm has been Professor of Health and Social Policy at the University of Bristol (now Emeritus) since 1995. From 1984 - 95 he was Professor of Health and Social Welfare and the first Dean of the School of Health and Social Welfare at the Open University. He is also Director of the International Institute on Health and Ageing.

Malcolm's research interests are wide but focus on ageing and the lifespan. For over 20 years he has taken an active interest in the long term care of older people. As an author he has published seven books and numerous articles on the subject of ageing.

Elizabeth Mills OBE

Following 11 years as Chief Executive of the medical research charity, Research into Ageing, Elizabeth co-ordinated its merger with Help the Aged in 2001. She has since established her own consultancy, Éminence Grise, providing fundraising, communications and strategic development advice to small and medium sized charities.

Elizabeth chairs the Steering Group of the UK Age Research Forum and is a Visiting Fellow at the University of Northampton, forging research links between the School of the Arts and School of Health. She is Hon Director of Homeshare International. She advises Age UK Oxfordshire, the Department of Health "Health Technologies Co-operative" initiative, and is actively involved in the Coalition for Better Care. Elizabeth is a trustee of three other charities and chairs her local Residents' Association.



Nick Oulton

Nick has a variety of experience working with charities; both working directly with the people the charity has been set up for, as well as in a managerial and administrative capacity. In particular, he has worked closely with charitable organisations supporting the needs of sick children and vulnerable adults.

Nick works for Barchester Healthcare as General Manager of The Rhallt Care Home in Welshpool, Wales. He has many years experience within the care industry and a real empathy with the group of people the Foundation has been set up to help and support.

Janice Robinson

Janice's working life has focused on disability and ageing issues. She has led empirical research projects, undertaken policy analysis, produced critiques of health and social care policy and has directed service development programmes designed to improve care and support for older people. At the Kings Fund her work focused on people with a long term illness and disability and resulted in a number of influential reports on the care and support of older people; including long term funding, intermediate care and age discrimination in health and social care.

Janice is currently a non-executive director of Brighton and Hove Primary Care Trust and she represents the PCT on the city's Joint Commissioning Board. Janice is also a governor of Varndean Sixth Form College in Brighton. Previously, she has worked in voluntary organisations as well as in local government.

Christopher Vellenoweth

Christopher is the Vice Chairman of the Barchester Healthcare Foundation.

Christopher is an external adviser to Barchester Healthcare and a founder trustee of the charity. After a management career to area chief officer in the NHS, he joined the national representative body for NHS boards, leading its work on the regulation of nursing homes, was a member of several national working groups including the Dept of Health "No Secrets" on the detection and prevention of abuse and the King's Fund inquiry on care and support, "Future Imperfect?" Latterly he was a named specialist advisor for nine inquiries of the House of Commons Health Select Committee. In August 2009 he retired as a non-executive director and chair of clinical governance of the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. He is a board member of the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust.