

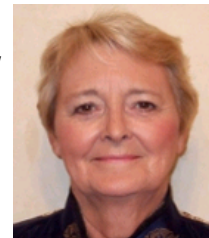
Council of Management

Keech Hospice Care is governed by a Council of Management comprising the charity's trustees. The trustees are volunteers and contribute specialist skills, experience and knowledge relevant to our aims and objectives.

Members:

Chair - Patricia Garrard

Patricia retired in 2008 and during her career she was the East of England Regional Finance Director for the Government funded charity, Groundwork UK. She financially supported numerous trusts throughout England and set up the accounts departments of new Trusts before training new staff and handing over the day to day running.



Patricia was also Finance Director for the National Urban Forestry Unit for 11 years. During that time she financially managed a Millennium funded £7.6million project where she worked very closely with the Millennium Commission, The European Regional Development Fund and the ODPM (Office of Deputy Prime Minister). She was a consultant Finance Director for both these charities and also acted as Finance Director/Manager and Financial accounting advisor for 14 other charities during the 20 years she worked in the Third Sector.

Patricia has been involved with the hospice for about 8 years and has organised grand summer balls and acted as the networker for Hertfordshire.

Vice Chair - Leslie Robertson

Leslie was born and brought up near Edinburgh and is married to Sheila and has 3 children 7, 11 and 14. He has worked in the electronics, engineering, agrochemical and pharmaceutical industries across a range of specialist areas including human resources, business development and sales and marketing.



The last 24 years were spent working with AstraZeneca where Leslie was Area Director Eastern Europe, Head of Gastrointestinal Marketing UK and Head of Operations in the UK Marketing Company. Leslie is leaving AstraZeneca in 2011 to set up a consultancy focusing on Organisational Development and Change Management.

Pat Jefferson

Pat is retired and married with two adult children and three grandchildren. He has lived in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire all of his life. He has previously been Vice President of Mitsubishi Electric European Semiconductor Business Unit and Vice President of Mitsubishi Electric UK Branch (4 Business Units). He also represented Mitsubishi CBI East of England council and was a board member of the Federation of Electronic Industries.



David Rigg

David was born and brought up in Luton. He has worked in the Construction industry on the design and project management aspects of the Mechanical and Electrical Services in buildings. The last 35 years were spent with Roger Preston & Partners a firm of Consulting Engineers specialising in the design of Building Services for public and private buildings around the world.



On retirement he joined the Hospice in February 2002 as a volunteer initially driving for the Day Hospice and later for the IPU and Keech. He became a Trustee in January 2005.

Robert Ryall

Robert Ryall is an experienced litigator, with a particular expertise in complex high value contractual claims, construction and intellectual property disputes. He has been described by clients as "focused, practical and providing immediate advice".



Robert heads up the Commercial Dispute Resolution Department, which has been ranked since 2007 by the Legal 500 as a tier one firm in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Middlesex and Buckinghamshire.

Robert has expertise in many sectors including not-for-profit, retail, construction and financial services. He acts for a number of blue chip companies and household names advising them across a broad spectrum of contentious matters. Robert's clients include General Motors, Vauxhall Motors, Watford Football Club, Eltek Valere, Snappy Snaps and Furniture Village.

Melanie Lillie

Melanie is married with two daughters at university and has lived in Hertfordshire since 1977.

After graduating from the University of Bristol she joined Unilever as a management trainee based in their market research company, Research International and left to join Unigate Foods as Market Research Manager. From research she then moved into mainstream consumer marketing management first at Johnson & Johnson, then at Swift & Co, the world's largest meatpackers and finally she was responsible for sales and marketing at Penhaligon's, the exclusive perfumers, where she launched new products, created a franchise system and opened new stores and concessions all around the world.



Melanie then joined a small local advertising agency which was bought by Lopex PLC, became Managing Director of their flagship advertising agency ASL Alliance and playing a leading role in building the international Alliance network. She then set up AL Marketing Communications in 1993 in Welwyn Garden City. Today the agency provides advertising and marketing consultancy to the UK and international retail and leisure sector.

Melanie was a non-executive director of the Hertfordshire Family Health Services Authority from 1991-8 when she helped to see through the introduction of fund-holding to general practice. Today in addition to her role as Trustee of Keech Hospice Care she is also an external member of the Development Committee of the University of Hertfordshire.

Maria Collins

Maria is a registered nurse living in Bedfordshire. She has held senior nursing posts in five London Teaching Hospitals specialising in intensive care nursing and infection control. She then undertook further training to become a Public Health Consultant, working with inner city London communities, drug and alcohol abusers and prisoners, as well as working to improve services for those with a life limiting diagnosis.



She led the NHS Prison Health team for London, before joining Great Ormond Street Hospital as Director of Partnership and Public Health. In 2008, Maria set up an independent consultancy company, which led to work with the Ministry of Defence addressing health of children and families of serving personnel. Maria is now Managing Director of a domiciliary care provider, Home Instead Senior Care.

Graham Nolan

Graham was born and lived in Hertfordshire and is married with 2 adult children and two grandchildren. Graham is currently a part-retired management accountant and during his career he has been involved in management information systems design and implementation in the aerospace, marketing and insurance sectors and also as MBO, proprietor / manager in the motor trade, office stationery and manufacturing/distribution sectors.

Graham's charity involvement includes Trustee & Treasurer at Hertford CAB; Trustee & Treasurer at Jubilee House Care Trust (Children & adults with learning difficulties); External Trustee & Deputy Chair at University of Hertfordshire Students Union and temporary accountant at North Herts CAB.

Karen Proctor

Karen is a registered nurse and midwife and currently holds the position of Deputy Chief Operating Officer/Lead Nurse. Previous positions include Chief Operating Officer/Director of Midwifery and Board member of an Acute Trust and Service Improvement Manager at the Institute of Innovation.

Prior to this Karen worked in the acute hospital sector in a variety of both professional nursing and midwifery and managerial roles leading and managing a variety of different services.

Michael Coward

Mike is married to Pam and has one adult son. He began his career as a commissioned Officer in the RAF, progressing to Property Management and Purchasing Officer (*Assistant Bursar*) at the University of Bristol. He then became Bursar and Clerk to Governors Bristol Grammar School and has been Chief Executive Officer at St Luke's Hospice (Harrow and Brent) since 2000.



Michael is a Councillor for Shefford Town Council (Chairman of the Services and Maintenance Committee) and is also involved with the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

Michael Hubbocks

Michael lives in Luton and is married with two children and four grandchildren. He is now retired but worked for 24 years at Arriva Head Office, Luton, as a driver and eventually marketing and Office Manager and then 20 years at Vauxhall Motors Ltd as a Warranty Relations Engineer.



Michael has been an invaluable volunteer at the hospice for the last 9 or 10 years and has helped in many areas from fundraising to driver training.

Ashley Green

Ashley lives in Bedfordshire and is married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He studied Purchasing and Company Management at Luton College for Further Education whilst working at Electrolux and Vauxhall Motors.



Ashley has also worked at AWD Trucks, KPMG, Marshalls of Cambridge, and Cardale Group, in various Purchasing and Materials Management roles in the UK, Europe and Canada. He is currently President of Mid Bedfordshire Conservative Association, after 2 spells as Chairman of the Association. Ashley is presently Deputy Chairman of Luton Conservative Association after he was appointed by the Board of the Party in 2007 to administer that Association.

Tobi Collett

Tobi was born in Hemel Hempstead, emigrated to Israel and then returned when she was 8 years old.



She founded and launched Diverse HR Solutions Ltd in March 2010 due to her passion for Employment Law and Diversity. The inspiration for Diverse HR Solutions was born following over 10 years of employment with Royal Mail Group where Tobi worked in various roles from Employment Law Manager for Post Office Ltd to Diversity Development Adviser for Royal Mail Group.

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