



Diane Searby – Director of the Constellation Trust Board

Diane's professional background was working predominantly in Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Services from 1982 until when she retired in June 2023.

Diane qualified as a State Registered Nurse in 1986 in Hull after two years cadet nursing in the East Riding and then worked on the paediatric wards at Hull Royal Infirmary.

In 1988 she left to complete her qualification as a State Registered Sick Children' Nurse in Manchester, returning to Hull to work as a Staff Nurse then Charge Nurse on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the local maternity hospital. During a ten-year period, there she gained qualifications in Teaching and Assessing and the Neonatal Intensive Care course, working within a nursing team and managed challenging situations due to the complexities of caring for sick babies.

In 1997 she left to become a School Nurse working within a team monitoring, assessing, advising, teaching, and providing health support for both primary and secondary school age children and their families. During this time, she regularly attended training both mandatory and in areas that would enhance her role to ensure she kept up to date with the ever-changing climate and to maintain the high standards necessary to give the young people their best chances to be safe, happy and reach their full potential in life. She gained a qualification to become a Specialist Public Health Practitioner in 2006 and Family Planning in 2005 to enable her to further support and advise some of the most vulnerable and hard to reach young people and their families in the city, this included Hessle Road Network a Youth Club held in West Hull.

Diane mentored both Student Nurses and those newly qualified to ensure they were aware of the importance of the school Nurse role within the life of school age children and young people. She took part in and helped plan vaccination sessions in both primary and secondary schools.

During her 26 years as a School Nurse, she held a Safeguarding caseload working within a multi-agency team and worked both in the East and West of the city.

Latterly, working as a School Health Plus Practitioner within Sirius Academies. This role enabled her to get to know pupils, their families, staff, and the environment they came from and the challenges they faced whilst trying to gain and provide an education.