



Shelley Dolan

Shelley Dolan worked in Critical Care until 1990 exploring specialities such as Trauma, Burns & Plastics, Coronary Care, Children's ITU, neonatal ITU and General ITU in major units across the UK. Then in 1990 Shelley made a move to the critical care of the cancer patient. In 2000 Shelley was appointed as the Nurse Consultant for Cancer: Critical Care. Finally, in June 2007 Shelley was delighted to have been appointed as Chief Nurse of The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust. As Chief Nurse Shelley leads the nursing professionals at the Trust but is also the Board lead for clinical governance across all professional groups.

Shelley's first degree was in English, in 1996 she completed her MSc in cancer care and advanced practice, and in her Doctoral thesis sought to improve the early diagnosis of sepsis in people with cancer. Shelley lectures and teaches widely across the UK and internationally. Her most recent research studies have been in the fields of empowering the cancer patient at home through education and technology, the involvement of the patient in research, follow-up, ITU and the early identification of patients with sepsis.

Shelley was appointed in 2005 as Non Executive Director and Vice Chair of the Board of the 'Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency' (MHRA) of the Department of Health. In 2007 Shelley was appointed to the Clinical Advisory Group for Healthcare for London. In 2009 Shelley was appointed to the clinical reference group for the Competition and Cooperation panel for the NHS. Shelley is also the Chair of the SWLondon 1Research Ethics Committee.

Shelley has published widely with her writing concentrating in the main on the person with cancer who is acutely or critically ill. Over the last 4 -5 years Shelley has also written and presented work on clinical leadership and nursing's influence on cancer and healthcare policy development, nationally and internationally.