

## **MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOGRAPHIES [ELECTED JUNE 2011]**

**Mike Hewins** [President] grew up in Sheffield and attended Birmingham University he gained both a wife and a PhD in Chemistry. He and his family moved to Cambridgeshire in 1972 to work at Pye Unicam, part of Philips Electronic Industries.

After leaving Philips, Mike worked in higher education for six years before joining the NHS to manage large education contracts across the whole of East Anglia. He retired in 2006 but still works supervising MSc research students for the Open University. Mike approached Time Bank to recommend volunteering opportunities and became involved in the LINK's predecessor, Patient and Public Involvement in Health (PPI) and Inspire. The latter is a Cambridge-based charity working with young and old people with various disabilities to improve their well-being through arts.

Mike brings to the LINK a concern for people, a vision and strong management skills. He knows how the NHS works and is articulate enough to fight a corner. Cambridgeshire LINK must help others to get better health and social care; NHS and Social Services must want to ask LINK "what are people saying".

Mike has been President of Cambridgeshire LINK for two years and champions the cause of LINK in the wider world as acting Chair of the East of England Network of LINK Chairs. Recently he has become heavily involved at a national level in the development of HealthWatch.

Mike's leisure interests include helping in the garden and with the dogs and grandchildren. His tastes in music are eclectic, ranging from early polyphonic music through to traditional jazz and his reading is always history-orientated.

**Nick Roberts** [Vice President] grew up in the West Country and qualified in agriculture before moving to Huntingdon in 1962, where he worked in the area of safety of chemicals to the environment and later in worldwide crop residue studies to demonstrate safety to the consumer.

Nick retired in 2000 but continued to work on specific projects for the next three years. Nick wanted to give something back to the community so joined the Patients' Forum,

predecessor to the LINK, and became actively involved in a number of issues including the first discussion on the future of the local hospital.

With the increasing pressure for patient/public input to all aspects of health and social care, he joined Cambridgeshire LINK and is a lay member on the Boards of Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust and National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE).

Nick is very interested in people, has worked in a challenging industry and is very concerned that patient services are maintained in these difficult financial times.

Leisure interests include reading thrillers, gardening, grandchildren and maintaining contact with friends and neighbours.

**Janet Feary** has been a campaigner for more responsive and appropriate health and social care services since her mother had dementia and she cared for her at home in her final years. That was some time ago and access to the few services available was difficult and frustrating and the caring role was not recognised at all. Her experiences made her feel that she needed to do something about making things better. Janet believes that there have been many changes since then and that the work of voluntary organisations and groups such as LINK has influenced the way in which those changes have come about.

Janet has contributed to the work of the LINK through participation in the Mental Health group, NHS Cambridgeshire group, Adult Social Care group and the Management group.

As well as being an Active Participant in LINK Janet is a trustee of two charities in Fenland; the Fenland Volunteer Centre and Homestart-Fenland. She is also the LINK stakeholder governor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, a member of Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust, the Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Trust and a member of her local surgery Patient Participation group

**Bernie Gold** has focussed his involvement in LINK on the commissioning and delivery of primary care in Cambridgeshire, particularly care and support for older people, RM and RN veterans and people with a learning disability. He also supports improvements to services that help users manage and reduce their dependence on alcohol and cocaine and has been an active advocate for improved mental health services in Cambridgeshire since 2003.

Bernie combines his work in LINK with being a public governor in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, a member of Papworth and Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trusts, COPE, Hunts Patients Congress, the Royal Naval Association, Fleet Air Arm Association and British Legion.



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Bernie was a founder member of PPI and LINK and expects to be involved in the creation of the successor to LINK – Local HealthWatch.

Bernie has contributed to the work of the mental health group, Cambridgeshire Community Services group, NHSC (PCT) group and the LINK Management group. In addition to research to keep abreast of changes Bernie has been involved in a number of projects on behalf of LINK

**Margaret Moffat** has a wide experience across the NHS, both as an employee and as a patient. She retired 8 years ago as the Bed Manager at Addenbrookes Hospital having responsibility for the allocation and management of 850 beds. Previous to that she trained as a Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer in London and worked in a paediatric practice in Houston Texas before taking 20 years off to raise 4 children. Margaret returned as an administrator for the Addenbrookes Admin Bank working for Community Health Visitors, Mental Health Services, Schools Health Service, and finance and occupational health at Addenbrookes. Before she became the Bed Manager she also worked on the Rehabilitation Ward at Addenbrookes. As a patient Margaret has first hand experience of Addenbrookes, Hinchingsbrooke and Fulbourn Hospitals.

Margaret is currently Chair of the Addenbrookes Liaison Group and has contributed to a number of LINK projects. Margaret is also the Chair of her local Patient Participation Group and Past Chairman of Cambridge NHS Retirement Fellowship (NHSRF), and Vice Chairman of the East Anglian NHSRF Regional Group.

Margaret has three grandchildren who all live in Cambridgeshire.

**Ann Russell** has been an Active Participant of Cambridgeshire LINK since June 2010 Ann is involved with both NHS and social care projects and represents LINK on a number of County wide projects with the County Council.

Ann is a member of:

- The National Cancer Research Network and a patient representative working with cancer specialists in both Birmingham and Bristol on the development of various trials.
- SURF (Service Users Research Forum) whose goal is to provide a national forum in which researchers and members of the public can work together to improve current research and identify the most important areas for future research.
- The Anglia Cancer Network as a patient representative. The Network co-ordinates the planning, commissioning and delivery of high quality cancer care to 2.63 million people living in Cambridgeshire, Great Yarmouth and Waveney, Norfolk, Peterborough, Suffolk, and part of Bedfordshire Primary Care Trusts.



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Before retiring Ann was a Social Worker in Norfolk and then moved into personnel work, holding the post of HR Director with large national not for profit organisations. Her senior management responsibilities ranged from people management, finances and buildings in addition to strategic planning, delivering training and managing all such areas through times of change and uncertainty. Ann has represented individuals and organisations at national level, working with fellow professionals and Government Ministers on a range of issues.

Her interests include theatre and concerts, travel, walking, gardening, reading, cooking and spending time with her 2 grandchildren.

**Stephen Wool** has spent most of his career involved with corporate finance and has dealt with all aspects of financial management. This has included working with clients and understanding business strategies that will influence medium/long term objectives.

Stephen has experience of managing a GP's surgery and, in recent years, working in the voluntary sector for a charity supporting disadvantaged young people.

Stephen has contributed positively to several reorganisations ensuring proper reporting structures are in place and complying with any audit requirements. This has demanded an ability to communicate and make effective relationships with different people at all levels within organisations.

Stephen is committed to the work of LINK and feels that the challenge for Link in the year ahead will be to engage with the public and other relevant bodies in the most efficient and effective way and become recognised for this role within the wider public and decision making organisations. We will then be able to make a positive contribution in the new Healthwatch, be treated with respect and thereby influence future health and social care needs.



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