

Annual Torbay and South Devon Clinical School Conference – Speaker Biographies

Session 1



Sube Banerjee is Executive Dean and Professor of Dementia in the Faculty of Health at the University of Plymouth. Trained at St Thomas's, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, clinically he works as an old age psychiatrist. He served as the UK Department of Health's senior professional advisor on dementia leading the development of its National Dementia

Strategy. His research focusses on quality of life and quality of care in dementia and the evaluation of new treatments and services. He works with industry and governments on health services, policy and strategies to improve health for older adults with complex needs and those with dementia. He has been awarded national and international awards for policy and research in dementia.

Session 2



Carolyn Jackson: Carrie, has expertise in integrating research, practice and education in relation to system transformation in health and social care. She has led a number of complex research, consultancy and innovation projects in the field of leadership, culture change, improvement and transformation in the UK and internationally.

Before undertaking the role of Director of the ImpACT research group in the School of Health Sciences, she was Director of the England Centre for Practice Development (ECPD) which she established with her colleague Professor Kim Manley CBE in October 2011. The centre led applied health research, practice development and innovation at regional, national and international level and was an active member of the International Practice Development Collaborative (IPDC).

Carrie has an extensive portfolio of curriculum design, and leadership roles in higher education and the NHS spanning 30 + years. A nurse by background she is passionate about making a difference in practice working with all the professions to improve the quality of person centered care. Her recent interests are in community wellbeing and flourishing through social innovation and entrepreneurship, working with neighbourhoods to help address some of the major issues affecting health and wellbeing posed by recent world events. She works with a range of creative practitioners from the arts and humanities using creative media, to help support inclusion and participation of vulnerable groups in our communities. She has held a number of visiting positions internationally, most recently Education and Research Ambassador for the World Health Innovation Summit Federation.

Carrie works full time as Director for the ImpACT group.



Joanne Bosanquet commenced her first CEO role at the Foundation Of Nursing Studies in May 2019. Joanne brings knowledge and experience from a range of roles in public health, nursing and from her work at national and international level as a system nurse leader, as a Queen's Nurse and as a visiting professor at the University of Surrey. Joanne was awarded an MBE for services to nursing and healthcare in June 2013, a Fellowship of The Queen's Nursing Institute and an honorary Doctorate from the University of Greenwich in 2016. Joanne joined the Phi Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

in 2018 and has interests in person-centredness, social determinants of health and wellbeing, health equity and how nurses and midwives can and should be seen as advocates for communities. Joanne is currently being reverse mentored by a newly qualified RN and mentors a number of aspiring nurse leaders at undergraduate and post graduate level. Joanne is very excited to be supporting the 2020/21 International Year of the Nurse and Midwife programme of celebrations as part of the global social movement 'Nursing Now'.

Session 4



Anna Conolly completed her PhD in the sociology department at the University of Surrey. She has previously worked as a researcher at St George's Hospital Medical School and at the Institute of Education. Anna's previous work has used longitudinal qualitative and participatory methods. She has conducted qualitative research on sensitive subjects with vulnerable groups including patients with a chronic health condition and low levels of literacy, girls who have been excluded from school and young people experiencing high levels of economic deprivation. Anna has spent the last six months working with Professor Jill Maben, an expert in nurse wellbeing, at the University of Surrey on the ICON project.

Kathryn Bamforth qualified as a physiotherapist in 1998 and specialised in neurological rehabilitation before moving into an operational management role at Torbay Hospital in 2013 which further broadened her understanding of healthcare. In 2016, Kathryn successfully completed an MSc in Healthcare Leadership which sparked an interest in the healthcare workforce and developing a career in research. She was awarded a year-long Research Fellowship from the Clinical Research Network in 2017 which enabled her to gain experience in the clinical delivery of research studies and work with the Organisational Development team to evaluate the Trust's work-based coaching programme for staff. Kathryn is now a Clinical Research Team Leader with the Research and Development team and was the first member of staff to get a Doctoral Fellowship with the Torbay Clinical School and the Torbay Medical Research Fund. She is currently in the second year of her part-time PhD exploring how healthcare professionals and patients perceive that the wellbeing of staff impacts on patient experience. She is passionate about bringing research and evaluation into clinical services and is committed to developing clinical academic roles for staff to ensure that, as a research-active organisation, we can continue to learn and improve the care to our patients.

Session 5

Nick Peres is the Head of Digital Technologies at TSDFT and currently leads on multiple VR based initiatives within the NHS including The VR Lab sponsored by Health Education England. Nick is also founder of PatientVR, a project set up to 'virtually' put clinicians in the patients shoes for reflective, humanistic skills learning.

Nick is completing his PhD in technological mediation and empathy in simulated training at the University of Plymouth and is a contributing researcher and advisor in Transtechnology, a transdisciplinary research group situated in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Nick's background prior to healthcare was working in broadcast media which continues to influence his work, advocating a 'clinicians as content creators' approach to creativity in healthcare, believing creative ownership, collaboration and access is key to the adoption of new technologies.

Nick has frequently spoken at national level (and is a TEDx speaker) on the use and potential of immersive technologies within healthcare, approaching this area from a grounded humanities perspective.

Chris Dixon: As a registered nurse, Chris worked predominantly in medicine: specialising in falls, osteoporosis and rheumatology. She completed an MSc in Health and Social Care Improvement in 2007 and her thesis examined the beliefs and views about osteoporosis and how it impacts on adherence. Chris became an independent prescriber in 2013 and her interest in research grew through her involvement with the biologic therapies being trialled in rheumatology which had life changing benefits for patients. She has won several local and national awards for her work with rheumatology: both as an individual and as part of the team driving innovation for patients with rheumatological conditions. Chris became the Trust Lead Research Nurse in 2016 and her initiative and energy was recognised in her appointment as a National 70@70 Senior Research Nurse Leader in 2019. She has led the Research and Development team in planning and implementing the urgent public health clinical trials into COVID-19 and the Trust is currently ranked highest in the region for COVID-19 admissions being enrolled into COVID-19 studies. Chris is determined to embed research in clinical services by supporting staff to develop clinical academic roles, including the recently-launched 70@70 Research Associate scheme, and thereby improve patient lives.