

Speaker Biographies



Debbie Quinn

Queen's Nurse PCCNS, Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Specialist Advisor to the CQC

Debbie began working in the NHS in 1985 and has held a variety of roles, including ward sister in surgery and infection control, clinical audit facilitator and district nurse. She also gained experience of working within industry as well as working for charities.

Debbie started working as a community MS specialist nurse in 2004, setting up the service and securing recurrent funds. She is passionate about the demonstration of the need for MS nurses and has published articles on the cost benefits of her service. One of her greatest achievements was receiving the Queens Nurse award in 2012. Debbie was also the interim nurse advisor for the MS Trust, representing over 250 MS nurses nationally. She was Policy Advisor for the UKMSSNA for 4 years and a Professional Advisor to the MS Society.

Six years ago, Debbie moved into a Palliative Care CNS community role. She continues to champion community specialist nursing and the benefits of providing such a service. She was nominated and successful in becoming a Palliative Pioneer with St Christopher's Hospice, during the year of the nurse, one of only 30 world-wide. Debbie was seconded to the role of Matron to set up a ward during the Covid pandemic, from the end of March until August 2020.

She is currently working with the MND Association and the local health community to develop the role of a Specialist Practitioner for rare neurological conditions.





Dorinda Moffatt

Specialist Neuro-Respiratory Physiotherapist/Frailty Therapist,
Prospect Hospice

Dorinda graduated with a first-class physiotherapy degree in 2009. After supporting family members with cancer and motor neurone disease (MND), Dorinda specialised in palliative care. She feels passionate about making a difference in the quality of life for people experiencing complex and challenging symptoms such as breathlessness and choking episodes. She is especially dedicated to being an advocate for people having choice at the end of life.

Having worked for Prospect Hospice in Swindon, Wiltshire for the past 12 years in a range of roles including MND clinical care coordinator, and therapy lead, she is now their specialist neurorespiratory physiotherapist alongside being the specialist frailty therapist.

Dorinda was the end-of-life specialist for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy's 'inspire project' for the collation of NICE accredited guidelines. She has also developed an audit tool to address cough augmentation for people with MND, quality assured and published in NICE's shared learning collection. She is an expert reviewer for the MND Association's health care professional palliative resources.

A guest lecturer on palliative care at the University of the West of England, she is additionally a regular educator on courses including management of breathlessness, excellence in end of life care, advanced respiratory care and frailty. She is also the chair of TOP WEST (Therapies and Oncology in Palliative Care in the West of England). Dorinda has a published editorial for the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Respiratory Care and presented at conferences including the Association of Physiotherapists in Oncology and Palliative Care. She is a prize-winning abstract author for implementing and auditing a new neurorespiratory service and in 2022 and will be presenting her work at a number of conferences around the country.

She continues to develop her role by gaining three masters modules in end-of-life care, frailty and specialist practice in MND.

Away from work, Dorinda enjoys spending time with family and friends and is adventurous in nature having travelled the world taking on challenges and fundraising such as trekking the Inca trail in Peru and recently completed her sixth marathon.