

# Speaker Biography

## Sue Eskins

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36 years ago as a nervous teenager I travelled from North Wales to Guy's Hospital in London to begin my nurse training. Little did I know that Nursing would become my passion and I would meet incredible people along the way.

As a qualified Nurse, I consolidated my training by working in medical and surgical environments at Guy's, learning key skills which I still use today. I went on to do Intensive Care at the Royal London Whitechapel before heading off to Australia for 2 years. Here, I travelled and worked. A mixture of agency nursing on the wards and ICU. Importantly I met my late husband, Jon.

On return to the UK, I wanted to combine my career with a more family friendly work pattern. This led me to District Nursing, a comparison with ICU as you are caring for the whole family and meeting individual needs. I was pleased to be caring for people in their homes and matching their needs to individual care.

In 2007, I became a Palliative Care Nurse Specialist at Dorothy House Hospice. I was able to draw on all my community skills and expertise to ensure patients and their families received the best end of life care in a place of their choosing. I have gone on to manage the community teams and have overseen the opening of the Outreach Centres in 2014. This has taken hospice care to another level by reaching out to the community in their communities. Currently I am Clinical Lead supporting the community teams including H@H and the Coordination Centre.

My heart is very much in community care and I am delighted to be appointed a Trustee for NAHH where I hope I can share my experiences but importantly listen to your views and experiences.

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