

Lay Members

Ms Seema Agha of London has been a lay member of Council since May 2005. She is Principal Solicitor for Bedford Borough Council, specialising in complex vulnerable children and adult litigation for the authority. She conducts child protection training for social workers and health professionals, and is co authoring a legal publication for in house lawyers in child protection post baby P, is a Solicitor member of the Solicitor's Regulatory Authority standards committee. Recently appointed as an Ambassador for Diversity by the Governments Equality Office. She was the Public/Patient representative of the RPSGB on the Project Board of OPHA, the new adjudicator for Health Professionals such as the GMC. A lay member of the English Pharmacy Board since its inception in 2006. She is a trustee of Pharmacist Support, and Chair of its Diversity working group. She has served on the following committees of Council, Chair and Vice Chair of the Law and Ethics Committee, Governance Committee, Vice Chair of the infringements committee, Chair of s60 working group, remuneration committee. She was a lay Magistrate for 10 years. She was involved in Home Office research on recidivism and helped develop best practice for police on domestic violence. She was a debt consultant for the Probation Service for a diversion from prison scheme, Regional Co coordinator for Women's Aid for 10 years, a former Director of Jimsalva investments Ltd.

Mrs Kay Blair of Edinburgh has been a lay member of council since December 2008. She runs her own marketing and communications consultancy, Business Perceptions, which helps clients in a variety of organisations throughout the UK improve business performance through more effective marketing and communications. She is a non-executive director of NHS24 – the Scottish Equivalent of NHS Direct – and a non-executive member of the Court of the University of St Andrews, her alma mater. She is also Vice Chair of the Financial Services Authority's Consumer Panel.. During her time on Council she served as a member of the remuneration committee.

Dr Phillida Entwistle of Kendal, Cumbria, has been a lay member of council since 2001. She is currently a non-executive director of United Utilities plc, has been a magistrate for 25 years and is a trustee of the Museum of Science & Industry, Manchester. Previously she was a Chairman of an acute hospital trust in Cumbria and a member of the Mental Health Act Commission. During her time on council, she has served as Chairman of the Audit and Infringements Committees and has also served as a member of the following committees: Science, Law and Ethics, Education, Animal Medicines, Corporate Governance Steering Group and the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Mr John Hanlon of Wallaceston, Scotland, was a lay member of council from May 2005 to May 2008. He is a Solicitor and is a former Commissioner for the Scottish Care Commission and chaired its Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee. Mr. Hanlon is The Independent Case Examiner for Department for Works and Pensions and is the Independent Investigator for The Financial Services Compensation Scheme.. He is the former Chairman of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council in Scotland and a former Invigilator for the Homeless (Scotland), National Census. He was appointed the public interest expert on the Independent Scrutiny Panel to advise the Cabinet Secretary (Deputy First Minister) on the NHS reconfiguration proposals in Scotland. He is also a member of the Insolvency Practice Council, past president of Nitasdale Council of Voluntary Service and founding member of Dumfries & Galloway Coalition of Disabled People. During his time on council, he served as Chair of the Governance committee and also as a member of Remuneration and Infringements Committees and the Benevolent Fund Steering Group.

Mrs Sylvia Hikins of Wirral has been a lay member of council since May 2005. She is a Management Consultant, a Non-Executive Director & Vice Chair for Urgent Chair 24 Ltd, Panel Chair for Quality Fostering Ltd., Chair and Trustee of the Cyril Taylor Trust Fund and a freelance broadcaster for BBC Radio Merseyside. Formerly non-executive Director and Vice Chair of the Mersey Region NHS Ambulance Trust, she was appointed to the Home Office Correction Services Panel and co-chaired the National Substance Abuse Panel of the Ministry of Justice. She was a project manager for Youth Start, a Pan European initiative developing intervention programmes for disaffected young people across seven EU countries. During her time on council she served on the Law and Ethics Committee, the Industrial Pharmacists Group Committee and the Conference Committee. She is a member of the RPSGB MPharm Accreditation Team and chaired the Fitness to Practice Procedures Working Party.

Lorna Jacobs started her career in sales and marketing in the pharmaceutical industry. She became the lay member of her local Primary Care Group, responsible for co-ordinating public involvement in service improvement. Lorna then became a Board member of the Primary Care Trust, taking a lead on public involvement, complaints handling and governance. She now works in strategic, regulatory and adjudication roles for different organizations. She is: a lay council member of the Nursing and Midwifery Council, where she chairs the Fitness to Practise policy committee; a fitness-to-practise panel member for the General Dental Council, an adjudicator for the Family Health Services Appeal Authority and an investigator of complaints against social services departments. Lorna has been a lay council member of RPSGB since 2005, supporting the development of the public involvement strategy, and now chairs the Governance Committee. She has also been on the Transitional Working Group, helping to ensure that the new services to members of the Society are ready for the demerger and that they meet members' expectations.

Mr Raymond Jobling of Cambridge began his involvement with Pharmacy when he chaired the Community Pharmacy Research Consortium for several years before joining the Society's Council as a lay member, serving from May 2005 to 2009 at which time he left to become a member of the GPhC. He recently retired from teaching at Cambridge University after 40 years service. He remains a Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and continues as Chairman of the University Health Services Committee. He is the National Chairman for the Psoriasis Association and lay adviser to the All Party Parliamentary Group on Skin. He lectures and publishes extensively on psychosocial aspects of chronic skin disorders. He served as the Council's nominee on the Board of RPS Publishing in a non-executive capacity. During his time on Council he served as a member of the Education Committee, the Academic Pharmacists Group and the Adjudicating Committee, as well as chairing the Pre-registration Pharmacist Liaison Group and the Patient-Public Liaison Group. He was an independent member of the Panel involved in the Accreditation of Schools of Pharmacy. Ray is Chair of Pharmacy HealthLink, a Trustee of the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust, and a member of the Department of Health's Modernising Pharmacy Careers Programme Board.

Mr Alan Kershaw of Newport, Pembrokeshire, has been a lay member of council since May 2005. His career has been in administrative management, specialising since 1983 in professional regulation. His current principal appointment is as Chair of ILEX Professional Standards Limited, the regulatory arm of the Institute of Legal Executives. His last full-time position was as Chief Executive of the Council for the Registration of Forensic Practitioners, an experiment in accrediting and revalidating forensic specialists and others giving expert evidence in court. Previously he worked at the General Medical Council, dealing with all aspects of the regulatory business and focussing on the definition, description and delivery of high quality professional standards. His culminating position was as Director of Education and Standards. Since the late 1990s he has served as a lay member on the boards of several other regulatory bodies, including the Solicitors Regulation Authority, the Association

of Chartered Certified Accountants, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Nursing and Midwifery Council. He helped to found the General Osteopathic Council and authored *Pursuing Excellence*, its Code of Conduct for registered osteopaths. He now serves as a lay partner for the GMC, accrediting postgraduate educational programmes. In all he has been involved in standards setting for some 35 professions, has published numerous articles on the subject in professional journals and has delivered papers at national and international conferences.

Professor Alastair Michell of Chipping Norton was Professor of Comparative Medicine at the University of London and since 2004 has been an elected Patient Governor at Addenbrooke's Foundation Hospital Trust. He is a former President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the Veterinary Research Club and the Association of Veterinary Teachers and Workers. He has been a member of the RPSGB Council since 2002 and during his time has served as Chair of the Remuneration committee and animal medicines committee. He has also served as a member of Science Committee, the Veterinary Pharmacists Group and the Law and Ethics Committee. He is a consultant on veterinary re-hydration products to Norbrook.

Ms Jane Ramsey of Dulwich, London served on the Council from May 2007 to June 2009. She was on maternity leave from June 2008. Whilst on Council she was also a non-executive director of University College London Hospital Foundation Trust and chaired its Finance Committee. She was a non-executive member of the Department of Health's Audit Committee and a non-executive director of London Remade, a not-for-profit company promoting the use of recycled products. She was Chair of Lambeth Primary Care Trust and Vice-chair of an inner London Health Authority. She has also held several other public appointments. Jane worked as a barrister in local government for 15 years. She was also on the Investigations Committee of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, Chair of the St Pancras & Humanist Housing Association (SPHA) and board member of the Origin Group (which includes SPHA). During her time on Council she served on the Law and Ethics and Conference Committees.

Ms Marcia Saunders, of London has been a lay member of council since 2005. She is Chair of the NHS Brent Primary Care Trust. She is also a member of the MHRA's Independent Scientific Advisory Group (ISAC), an independent member of the Board of Governors of De Montfort University and a performance assessor for the General Medical Council. In 2006 Marcia was elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health. She was previously Chair of the North Central London Strategic Health Authority, the London NHS Race Equality Group and of the London Steering Group of Workplace Health Connect (Department of Work and Pensions). During her time on council she was a member of the Governance, Science, Law and Ethics, and Practice Committees; of Pharmacy 20:20; of the Revalidation Working Group; and of the Case Management System Working Group. Her main career was in local government senior management and teaching.

Technician Members

Mr Stephen Acres of Broughton Astley, Leicestershire has been on council since May 2007. He is currently a Lead Business Development Manager and has been a Pharmacy Technician since 1981. He has served on the Society's Council since 2005. He is also a Member of the Chartered Institute of Management and Vice-President for the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK. During his time on Council he served on Education committee and the Audit Committee. He has also worked on the Revalidation Advisory Group and the Patient and Public Involvement group. He has written articles in several pharmacy journals, orchestrated joint workshops for the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists and the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK and has presented nationally and internationally in relation to pharmacy technicians.

Mrs Corrine Hunt is a Pharmacy Support Technician for Central Cheshire Primary Care Trust and has been a Member of the Association of Pharmacy Technicians UK. She has worked on a project about making sure elderly people in care homes are prescribed extra calcium and vitamin D in order to lessen the chance of them suffering a fracture if they fall. She started her pharmacy career in 1971 doing a Saturday job in Boots qualifying as a dispenser and working her way up to senior dispenser finally qualifying as a pharmacy technician. She was a member of council between 2005 and 2007 and during this time served as Deputy Chair of the Science committee and as a member of Infringements and Animal Medicines Committees.

Miss Yvonne Liddell of Somerset has served on council since 2008 as a pharmacy technician. She is currently employed as an Area Dispenser for Boots Pharmacy and her work mostly involves helping branches work more efficiently, enforcing SOPs and giving guidance on how to improve service. During her time on council she has served as a member of the Public Liaison Group, the Support Staff Advisory Group and the Law and Ethics Committee.

Chief Executive and Registrar

Mr Jeremy Holmes of Princes Risborough, has been Chief Executive and Registrar of the Society since September 2007. He was Managing Director of the Economists Advisory Group for 14 years, leading a number of high profile policy impact studies and developing a specialist capability in health economics. He has worked with the Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry, the Commonwealth Secretariat and European Commission, as well as major pharmaceutical companies including GlaxoSmithKline, Pfizer, Schering-Plough and Sanofi-Aventis. He led the evaluation of a DH funded "Joining Up Self Care" initiative, and has also acted as an adviser to professional organisations in the optics profession over many years. He is a Trustee of the Carnegie UK Trust, a leading independent grant-making trust.

During his time at the Society Jeremy has been leading the Society through a major reorganisation to separate its regulatory and professional leadership roles.