

Claire O'Brien, Interim Chief Nurse



Claire has worked in the NHS for over 37 years qualifying as a Registered General Nurse in King's College London in the early 1980s. She specialised in Cardiothoracic Nursing at the Royal Brompton hospital where she worked for over 12 years. Since then she has enjoyed a variety of general management and senior nursing roles within South London NHS acute Trusts, more recently as the Deputy Director of Nursing in Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

Claire joined the Corporate Nursing team in the Trust in April 2016 as Deputy Chief Nurse, bringing with her a wealth of experience in all areas related to Nursing standards, Nurse Education, recruitment and Nursing professional issues. She has had considerable experience working with patient representatives, and is keen to ensure that we continue to actively engage patients in shaping our services.

Claire also has a particular interest in engaging with staff and supporting them in their development, recognising the relationship between staff and patient experience, and feels it is vital that we value and support our staff to provide the best possible care at all times.

Claire was appointed as substantive Chief Nurse in March 2018, having been Interim Chief Nurse between February 2017 and March 2018.