

Andrew George Williamson CBE
Curriculum Vitae

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Previous Posts

Chairman	North & East Devon Authority	2000 – 2002
Director	Devon Social Services	1990 – 1999
Deputy Director	West Sussex County Council	1986 – 1990
Assistant Director	East Sussex Social Services	1983 – 1986
Area Manager	Wandsworth Borough Council Social Services Department	1980 – 1983
Principle Assistant	Northumberland County Council Social Services Department	1978 – 1980
District Manager	Coventry City Council	1975 – 1978
Child Care Officer, Social Worker, Team Leader	Hampshire County Council Social Services Department	1967 – 1975

Education

Advanced Management Development Programme	Birmingham University, Institute of Local Government Studies	1982
Certificate Qualification in Social Work, Diploma in Child Care	Oxford Polytechnic	1971 – 1973

Training

Cabinet Office Top Management Programme, October 1993

Membership

Fellow of Royal Society of Arts

Current Positions

- Chair – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust
- Consultant

Most recent positions

- **Vice Chair, South West Peninsula Strategic Health Authority: 2002 – 2006**

During this time I was also elected Vice Chair of the Post Graduate Medical Deanery.

- **Chair, North & East Devon Health Authority : April 2000 – March 2002**

The North & East Devon Health Authority had responsibility for working to secure the health and welfare of the population of North and East Devon. The particular responsibilities of the Health Authority were to:

- Ensure that those working in the local health service shared a clear vision of how it should develop and understand their role in it
- Empower Primary Care Trusts to develop and drive improvements for local people
- Enable NHS Trusts and Local Authorities to play their full role in improving health and social services
- Take the lead on strategic development and hold the rest of the local health community to account for delivering agreed outcomes
- Support the fulfilment of the vision of a 'new NHS'

Within this remit, the Board of the Health Authority was responsible for setting strategy and direction, monitoring performance and for maintaining public accountability.

I was also asked to Chair the Workforce Confederation for Devon, Cornwall & Somerset, which was charged with identifying staffing requirements and ensuring a trained workforce was available across both Health and Social Services.

- **Director of Social Services, Devon County Council: January 1990 – September 1999**

When I was appointed as Director of Social services in Devon, it employed over 4,000 people, operating from over 100 locations across a large geographical area and the budget for the Department was £55m. An indication of the rapid period of change that Social Services experienced is evidenced in part by the fact that, at the conclusion of my ten year period as Director, the Departmental budget was in excess of £250 million per annum and employed over 6,000 members of staff. I was required to deliver a balanced budget and this was achieved each year throughout the 10 year period.

During my period as Director, I instituted the major change programmes required for the implementation of the Children Act and Community Care legislation. In 1996, Local Government and Reorganisation required the Department to transfer over 3,000 members of staff and over 70 buildings to the new Unitary Authorities of Plymouth and Torbay. These were both significant management exercises.

I introduced a clear programme of public accountability by the production of the Community Care Plan and Business Plan, and published purchasing intentions across the county, which were used as a measurement of performance for all managers. As a senior Chief Officer of the County Council, I was also required to participate on the Management Board, which is the principle management team of the County Council, and deputise for the Chief Executive in his absence.

Appointed CBE for services to Social Work 1999.

Other roles

During my ten year period as Director of Social Services for Devon County Council, I undertook a number of national roles on behalf of the Association of Directors of Social Services, and was elected Secretary for a three year term from 1996. In 1991, I was invited to serve a three year period as a member of the Criminal Justice Council, which is an advisory body to Government on all aspects of the Criminal and Judicial system. In 1997, I was asked by the Home Secretary to serve as a member of a Task Force, looking into all aspects of Youth Crime.

I have been engaged by the Department for International Development for the past 5 years in developing child protection services in Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova. My work in Moldova was commissioned by UNICEF and required me to spend some time in Family Centres working with local specialists and participating in meetings with Ministers.

I have participated in a number of enquiries in Local Authority Social Services Departments and NHS Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

From June 2003 to December 2003 I was employed as an interim Executive Director for Liverpool City Council to assist in the process of rebuilding the department's Social Services capacity. During 2004 I advised Staffordshire County Council on the development of an integrated children's service and recently completed a 12 month contract as interim Strategic Director for Adults and Community Services on the Isle of Wight developing an integrated approach to the provision of Health and Social Care.

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