

David Reynolds

Deputy Chair of NHS Charities Together & CEO, Sheffield Hospitals Charity

David joined the Sheffield Hospitals Charity in November 2009 as Executive Director after serving for 15 years as Chief Executive Officer of Sheffield YMCA. He is qualified to MBA level, holds the Institute of Fundraising Diploma and has extensive experience as a charity sector leader. He was previously a Trustee of Ashgate Hospice care, Chairman of the YMCA National Association of Professional staff and Director, Treasurer and co-founder of the Sheffield Health Consortium. He also holds qualifications in project management, NLP and health and safety. David was elected to the Association's Council in 2011 and was appointed joint Deputy Chair in 2017.

Oliver Carrington

Impact & Evaluation Manager, Imperial Health Charity

Oliver Carrington is the Impact and Evaluation Manager at Imperial Health Charity, helping the charity learn from its grant-making, fundraising, arts and volunteer programmes. Imperial Health Charity supports the five London hospitals of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, one of the largest NHS trusts in England. As part of this role, he coordinated the shared measurement project involving ten NHS charities.

Oliver originally started as a trainee paramedic, before switching careers to the charity sector where he has now worked for seven years. Most recently he worked in research and evaluation at The Prince's Trust, for the charity think-tank New Philanthropy Capital and at the Japanese social enterprise Cross Fields. Before this, he managed a grants programme for the Masonic Charitable Foundation. He has a strong interest in data visualisation and was the co-creator of a grants data website that won a prize in 360Giving's 2018 competition.

David Blazey

Head of Grants, Maudsley Charity

Dr David Blazey is Head of Grants at the Maudsley Charity. He is responsible for managing the charity's grants programmes, working with potential applicants and those who are awarded grants at all stages of the process.

David joined the charity in 2011, while still working in a parallel role for South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust as Head of Social Inclusion and Recovery.

He has worked in the field of mental health and funding since 2007, having previously worked in adult and further education, latterly in management roles that included arts, regeneration and funding. David is a trustee of the Waddington Street Centre and UK representative of the CARE Network.

John Poyton

CEO, Redthread

John is co-founder and CEO of Redthread, a London-based youth outreach charity. As a trained and experienced youth worker John took the reins of Redthread in 2009. He moved from a clinical practitioner role, working one to one with high-risk vulnerable young people, to lead on the vision and strategy for the organisation. Since then, Redthread has been working

in partnership with London's major trauma centre hospitals, Emergency departments in the midlands and has youth workers embedded in the A&E teams, working with victims to break the cycle of violence. In 2014 Redthread had a team of 7 and a turnover of £300k. Now John leads a team of 50 and a turnover of over £2 million.

James Varley
Finance Director, CW+

James is Finance Director at CW+, Chelsea and Westminster Health Charity. He was Deputy CEO and Director of Finance for Guy's and St Thomas' Charity for 12 years until October 2010 and prior to that worked for the Trust for London, an endowed Charity that benefits the poor of London.

James has also worked as Treasurer for St Mary's Paddington Charitable Trust. He has held various Charity trusteeships in his career.

James qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1989 and then worked for KPMG for several years. He completed an MBA at Warwick Business School in 2011 and his dissertation focussed on Mission Related Investing by NHS Charities.

James has managed the Member Charities Financial Comparison Annual Survey for several years which is available to members on the Association's website. Through his presentations at Members' Forums James is able to draw out trends and other interesting aspects of the data.

Ellie Orton
CEO, NHS Charities Together

Ellie is the inspirational CEO of NHS Charities Together. Encompassing and supporting over 137 individual NHS Charities across the UK. A highly professional leader, with proven success at CEO level, of social change organisations and programmes; empowering communities and individuals, particularly the most vulnerable in society, to be the best they can be. Ellie has a passion for social justice, with over 25 years' experience of leading and influencing transformation at a local, national and international level.