

Presenters' Biographical Details

John Tizard, Director, Centre for Public Service Partnerships

The Centre for Public Service Partnerships (CPSP@LGiU) is an independent research and policy and practice centre. It focuses on public service strategic commissioning, productivity, performance and governance with a specific interest in partnerships between public agencies and between them and the business and third sectors including Total Place. John regularly writes, speaks and comments on these issues.

John established the Centre at The University of Birmingham and then set up CPSP@LGiU in January 2010. He has since been appointed as an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Birmingham. He is also a Fellow of the RSA.

John was programme director for the national Total Place pilot in Worcestershire.

He is a member of the advisory boards for Centre for Public Scrutiny and the Social Market Foundation. He was a member of the Advisory Panel for the CLG/LGA sponsored Local Government Innovations Award Scheme.

John was a senior executive at the Capita Group plc from May 1997 to December 2007 and previously a senior director at Scope. John has had 18 years experience as a county councillor (1981 – 1999) and is a former council leader. He has had non-executive experience in the NHS, police, third and business sectors

He is currently a non-executive director of the Social Investment Business, a non-executive director of Entrepreneurs in Action (EiA) and a trustee of navca.

David Horstead, Director of Strategy & Intelligence, Cheshire & Warrington Enterprise Commission

Starting his career in marketing and general management with large companies in the automotive sector, David's involvement in the Cheshire & Warrington economy began in the early 1980s when he owned and ran a small group of wholesale and retail businesses in Warrington and North Cheshire.

He then began a business consultancy practice specialising in professional practices before helping to set up and operate the Business Link in Chester & Ellesmere Port, becoming its Chief Executive in the late 1990s. In this role he was also an executive director of CEWTEC, the Training & Enterprise Council for West Cheshire. He then joined the Economic Development team at Cheshire County Council, leading on sub-regional economic and enterprise strategy, moving across to CWEA when the new organisation took on these responsibilities.

Living in Altrincham, David is married to Margaret, a teacher, and has three grown-up daughters. During the 1990s he served as a Member of Trafford Council, with a special interest in planning and economic development. He maintains a special interest in small firm development and in enterprise in education.

Helen Bellairs, Chief Executive, NHS Western Cheshire (PCT) and NHS Warrington (PCT)

Helen Bellairs has been the Chief Executive of NHS Western Cheshire since 1st October 2006 and also commenced, in now a joint post, as Chief Executive of NHS Warrington on 7th October 2010.

Helen has an NHS Career spanning over 40 years, starting first as a nurse, before moving into management in the late 1980's. Her career in the North West includes, Primary Care Development, Director of Commissioning, Director of the Cancer Network for Cheshire and Merseyside and the Chief Nurse and Director of Performance at Cheshire and Merseyside Strategic Health Authority.

As well as Helen's role as Chief Executive in the two Primary Care Trusts, she also leads the NHS response to major incidents across Cheshire, Halton and Warrington.

Ken Clemens, Policy & Campaigns, Age UK Cheshire

Working for Age UK Cheshire for five years, though my first post was in the voluntary sector over 28 years ago, (time does go by very quickly!), working for a small local charity supporting ex- prisoners, then moving on to a diverse range of roles, including as a researcher within the European Parliament, working on a range of specialist housing & support projects for London Probation Services, and in local government in the North West; looking at regeneration and its impact on social exclusion.

My experience all centres around change within public services and of strongly promoting the ethos of good design, I am enthusiastic about the potential for improving outcomes by building partnerships across the statutory, private, and the voluntary, community & faith sectors.

Currently part of the management steering group for Cheshire West and Chester's Third Sector Assembly, a board member of Cheshire and Warrington Social Enterprise Partnership and also chair the board of a local social enterprise delivering a retail model for community equipment, I also really enjoy serving as a trustee for a small faith charity working to support those who may experience a level of isolation in our more rural areas.