

Biographies of the RCSLT Senior Management Team

Kamini Gadhok, Chief Executive

Kamini has been RCSLT Chief Executive since December 2000. Her primary role is to deliver service change by building strong partnerships with key stakeholders across Government, charities, other professional bodies and the Health Professions Council. Over the years Kamini has been involved in a number of Government initiatives, including a secondment to the Department of Health's Care Record Development Board and as an adviser to the Bercow review of services for children with speech, language and communication needs. During her career as an SLT, Kamini had direct patient care responsibilities and worked with a range of client groups across all ages in hospitals, community health centres special schools and mainstream schools. She also held three roles in Nottingham Community Health NHS Trust: as a locality manager; as locality coordinator for the speech and language therapy services; and as specialist adviser (bilingualism), in leading the development of services for people for whom English is an additional language. Kamini became ethnic health projects coordinator for the NHS in 1997, and set up the Department of Health Race Equality Unit, where she was section head until 2000. She received an MBE for her service to the allied health professions in 2009.

Brian Gopsill, Director of Performance and Contracts, and Company Secretary

Brian joined the RCSLT in November 2005 and is responsible for the management of the college's finances and investments, HR, IT, contracts and administration. In his role as company secretary, he looks after the statutory reporting, trustees' reports and advises the council and boards on regulatory issues. He took up his position following a long career as a logistics and administration officer in the Royal Navy, which took him from Scotland to Hong Kong in a variety of vessels and shore appointments. His final Royal Navy job was as director of staff in NATO's Maritime Headquarters in Naples. Brian is a qualified chartered secretary, a member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA). He also sits on the Charity Secretaries Group, an advisory body for the ICSA.

Richard Guy, Director of Membership and Communications

Richard is a marketing professional with a special interest in direct marketing. He hopes to use his knowledge and experience to help the RCSLT develop systems and processes to help members get more from their membership. He is particularly keen to improve data handling and enhance the RCSLT website as a resource for members. Before joining the RCSLT in March 2006, Richard worked for six years for the Training and Development Agency for Schools, helping to develop and run the Government's campaign to recruit more graduates into teacher training. He led the development of the enquiry services that provided information for people interested in teaching about how to fulfil their ambitions.

Nick Smith, Director of Policy and Partnerships

Nick joined the RCSLT in 2006 and manages the policy and partnerships function across the UK, working closely with colleagues in Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh and Westminster. His previous roles have included secretary general of the European Parliamentary Labour Party, campaign manager with the NSPCC and head of membership development with the British Labour Party. Nick was previously a

councillor in the London Borough of Camden, where he chaired a scrutiny panel looking at speech and language therapy provision. He later became executive member for education. He has been selected to be the Labour candidate for Blaenau Gwent in his home constituency in South Wales at the next general election.

Sharon Woolf, Director of Professional Development

Sharon joined the RCSLT in November 2005. Her remit includes pre-registration education, continuing professional development, position papers, research and development, workforce development and grants. She previously worked as education manager at the Health Professions Council, a post that involved visiting universities to approve pre-registration programmes for the allied health professions. Prior to this she worked at City and Queen Mary Universities at department level and in central administration, where she had a quality assurance remit.