

## New SCIE Board members - Biographies and quotes

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### Alex Fox

Alex is Chief Executive of Shared Lives Plus, the UK network for small community services, representing Shared Lives carers and schemes, social care micro-enterprises and Homeshare schemes. Alex Chairs the Care Provider Alliance and is Co-Chair of the board of *Think Local, Act Personal*, which leads on implementing personalisation. He co-led on prevention for the social care White Paper engagement process and sits on the Minister's Social Care Transformation Group and the Care and Support Implementation Board. He was one of NESTA and The Observer's *Britain's New Radicals*. Alex was previously Director of Policy and Communications for a carers' charity. He is a visiting lecturer at Nottingham University, Research Associate at ResPublica and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA).

"This can feel like the best and worst of times for social care, with budgets as tight as they've ever been, but some of the most creative approaches to care, support and inclusion starting to thrive. Social care is changing very quickly and I feel that SCIE's work in supporting providers and commissioners to understand what's working, what's not and what needs to change has never been more important. In my day job I work with Shared Lives carers and micro-enterprises which challenge assumptions about what can be achieved in a time of austerity. I hope to draw on that knowledge of emerging approaches and also on the networks I've built as Chair of the Care Provider Alliance and co-Chair of Think Local, Act Personal."

*Alex Fox, Chief Executive, Shared Lives Plus*



### Mary McKenna

Mary McKenna is a technology entrepreneur and Chief Executive of Learning Pool, an organisation that creates and shares online learning content across the UK public sector. Mary spent the early part of her career in local government and worked at Nottinghamshire County Council, City of Westminster, CIPFA and the IDeA. She is Chairman of the Northern Ireland Digital Circle and a non executive director of the Millennium Forum and Derry Theatre Trust.

"I'm looking forward to bringing my working knowledge of the business benefits of technology to the SCIE board. In my day job at Learning Pool we've built a large and cohesive public sector online community and I hope that much of what we've learned along the way can be brought to bear for the benefit of SCIE's audience."

*Mary McKenna, Founder and Director, Learning Pool*



### **Terry Moran CB**

Terry retired early in March 2013 following a 35-year career in the Civil Service. His most recent appointment was as Second Permanent Secretary at the Department for Work and Pensions. Terry joined the department in 1977 straight from school as a clerical assistant. He has previously served as Chief Operating Officer for DWP; was founder Chief Executive of the Pension, Disability and Carers Service; Interim Chief Executive of The Pension Service; Chief Executive of the Disability and Carers Service; Director, Jobcentre Plus, North West Region; and Director, Benefits Agency, Yorkshire Region. He was a National Trustee on the Board of Victim Support and Chair of their Diversity Council - 2005/8. He successfully completed the Advanced Management Programme at Harvard Business School in 2005. Terry was appointed a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB) in 2007.

"I am delighted to be joining SCIE at such an important time for the care sector generally. The work of SCIE is critical to providing independent and professional support to everyone involved in the care sector. I hope to contribute whilst also learning a great deal."

***Terry Moran**, retired civil servant*



### **Bev Searle**

Bev is Director of Corporate Affairs at Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Trained as an Occupational Therapist, Bev has worked within Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, inpatient and integrated community Mental Health and Substance Misuse Services. She has also undertaken a number of service management roles with joint responsibility across health and social care, including working as a joint Head of Community Care and Housing and PCT Director. Prior to taking up her current role, Bev was Director of Joint Commissioning at NHS Berkshire, with responsibility for commissioning mental health, learning disability and children's services as well as acting as the Trust Board lead for safeguarding. Bev has maintained training and education roles alongside her clinical and managerial posts, and provides coaching and mentoring support to staff in health and social care leadership roles.

"I am delighted to be joining the SCIE Board at a really important time for social care and health integration: having worked in and managed a number of joint services, and also having been both commissioner and provider of health and social care services – I am convinced that we need to work together more closely to achieve good outcomes for service users and patients, while using our joint resources as effectively as possible. I am really impressed by the work that SCIE has done to share knowledge and promote good practice in social care and look forward to adding my own energy and enthusiasm to ensure we make a significant impact on the lives of service users into the long term."

***Bev Searle**, Director of Corporate Affairs,  
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*



## **Sally Warren**

Sally is Director of Programmes at Public Health England (PHE), taking up post when PHE was created on 1 April 2013. Sally is responsible for leading the design, development and implementation of all cross-cutting programmes and ensuring the organisation delivers its priorities. The directorate leads on the relationship between PHE and the voluntary and community sector.

Prior to this role, Sally was Director of Social Care Policy at the Department of Health, responsible for reforming the policy, legislative and financial framework for adult social care.

Sally has 14 years experience at the Department of Health, including as Deputy Director with responsibility for the Care and Support White Paper, funding reform (Dilnot) and social care finance; Private Secretary to the Secretary of State; and Deputy Director of Financial Planning, responsible for negotiating the Spending Review for health and social care in 2007. Sally was Joint Programme Director for Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Primary Care Trust in 2008/9, leading the development and implementation of a business case to integrate management teams under a single Chief Executive.

“I am really excited to become a Trustee of SCIE at such a critical time for the social care sector. From my experience working in central Government, I hope to support and challenge the team at SCIE so that the organisation really excels at supporting commissioners, providers and the social care workforce to commission and provide excellent care in our communities that promotes peoples independence and well-being.”

***Sally Warren, Director of Programmes at Public Health England***