



Catherine Mc Loughlin

Catherine Mc Loughlin works as an independent management consultant alongside her chairmanships of local and national organisations, such as health authorities, an acute teaching hospital trust, the NHS Confederation, Age Concern-England, and other charities. She has produced performance reviews of organisations at chief executive and director level and subsequently provided advice to boards.

Experience

Catherine is a trained nurse, both general and mental health. She has worked as a specialist in child and adolescent psychiatry, in a psychotherapy unit, and in forensic mental health. At that time she recognised that to help patients with the complexity of their interpersonal relationships she herself would benefit from a personal analysis. This part of her background has stood her in good stead because a large part of her work has consisted of mentoring/coaching professionals and managers.

Recently Catherine chaired a homicide inquiry in Northern Ireland and a UK inquiry into self harm in young people. The reports were published in 2006. She was part of the teams that commissioned the John Radcliffe II hospital in Oxford and the mental health services in Paddington.

Catherine's experience spans work in acute hospitals, mental health services, voluntary services, and the independent sector at local, national, and international level. Her work has taken her to the Department of Health and she has now joined Coalescence Consulting. Catherine is committed to the values of the NHS and is knowledgeable about what constitutes the challenges that boards and teams face in a climate of evolving policies. Delivering high quality services to patients during a recession is difficult in itself and made more so as patients' expectation of access to information requires teams to juggle resources as never before. Catherine has experience in working with teams and in teams that achieved cost and quality effective outcomes.