

## **Peter Wilcock**

Peter Wilcock is a Chartered Clinical Psychologist with over thirty years of clinical, managerial and educational experience in the NHS. His clinical specialty was children with severe behaviour disorders and profound learning disabilities. He was District Clinical Psychologist for Winchester Health Authority for ten years before being appointed as its Director of Quality.

He was appointed Visiting Professor in Healthcare Improvement at Institute of Health and Community Studies at Bournemouth University in 2003. He has jointly led major multi-site projects exploring innovative approaches to interprofessional practice based learning about service improvement for qualified staff and pre-qualification students. The most recent project is investigating how to improve clinical outcomes in the management of back pain in Primary Care using an interprofessional approach linking practice based learning with the principles and methods of healthcare improvement. Between May 2003 and June 2005 he was also the Lead for Healthcare Improvement for the NHSU.

His present role is as Director of Service Improvement for Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust where his role is to lead the strategic development of service improvement for the Trust. This includes strengthening its capability for continuous improvement through organisational development and innovative approaches to building the improvement of care into everyday practice as well as supporting the growth of staff skills.

Major aspects of his work include exploring ways to introduce interprofessional learning of improvement skills to undergraduate health professions students as well as recently qualified professionals in practice settings. Additionally he is interested in how care pathway approaches can integrate educators and service providers to improve care across professional and agency boundaries within the local community.

He publishes regularly in the field of healthcare improvement and inter-professional learning and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Interprofessional Care, being joint Guest Editor (with Linda Headrick) of a special edition in May 2000. He is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of The International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance and regularly reviews papers for a range of journals. He has served on the Advisory Committee for the European (now International) Forum in Health Care Improvement since its inception in 1995.

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