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Speaker Biography

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After studying philosophy, politics and economics, Mark became an NHS Scotland Management trainee, moving subsequently through a series of management roles in the Scottish acute sector. He then spent four years running VSO's international development operations in Ghana, West Africa, a role he carried out as a job share with his wife. Returning to Scotland he became Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Scotland, leading the organisation through nine years of growth.

Mark has been Chief Executive of the Scottish Partnership for Palliative Care (SPPC) since 2009. The 50+ members of the Partnership span NHS Boards, hospices and other 3rd sector organisations and we perform a network function for the sector. Over 54 000 people die in Scotland die each year and the care and support which those people and their families do or don't receive is an issue of major significance and impact.

SPPC helps the development and promotion good practice in palliative care in all settings. Recent activity includes work with the Scottish Patient Safety Programme and NHS Boards to improve anticipatory care planning in hospitals, facilitating Scottish involvement in the IHI's Conversation Ready Healthcare Community Collaborative and project management of the development of Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines www.palliativecareguidelines.scot.nhs.uk/. In addition SPPC is now leading work to encourage more openness about death, dying and bereavement in Scottish society through the Good Life, Good Death, Good Grief alliance www.goodlifedeathgrief.org.uk and initiatives such as www.toabsentfriends.org.uk Mark is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Edinburgh.