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### Speaker Biography

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I qualified as a registered nurse at University College Hospital London in 1975, then trained as a midwife and gained further experience in a range of settings including acute medicine, Intensive Care, paediatrics and theatres.

I joined the newly established Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, one of the very first hospice at home services, in 1988. I became Director of Nursing in May 2000. In August 2006 I managed a collaborative project providing clinical leadership to Grove House Day Hospice in Hertfordshire, establishing a Hospice at Home team in St Albans for Grove House and integrating clinical services prior to the organisations' merger in 2011.

I was given the opportunity to work with community palliative care teams in both India and Sierra Leone providing leadership, training and education over three months in 2007. This was supported by Help the Hospices.

I was elected as chair of the National Association for Hospice at Home in September 2009 and have been privileged to be able to contribute to the national development of hospice at home services.

