

## CoLab Exeter – Board of Trustees

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**Dr Paul Gray**

Chair of Trustees

Paul was Deputy Chief Education Officer for Devon between 1990 and 1996. He went on to be CEO for Surrey for the following decade. He set up the UK's first integrated children's service and also the first public/private partnership for school support services. He had many national roles including chair of the influential QCA Curriculum Committee and board member of the National Youth Agency. He was Lord Dearing's personal adviser on Education and Social Care.

In 2006 Paul was invited to be part of the (then) Prime Minister's Delivery Unit and led interventions in underperforming Councils. He is a senior Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a Visiting Professor and in 2004 was honoured with the Freedom of the City of London for services to education. Prior to that he was a senior officer in Cambridgeshire and developed the Local Management of Schools and Colleges. Previously he was an academic, teacher and college Vice-Principal.

Paul is now mostly retired and devotes himself to voluntary and charitable work.



**Steve Barriball**

Vice Chair, Chair of Resource & Development Committee

Steve has been the Chief Executive of the local Citizens Advice charity for the last ten years. Before then Steve worked for the Big Lottery Fund delivering their Awards for All programme. Steve started his career with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Steve has an excellent knowledge of charity governance and processes, and is the current chair of the resources and Development Committee.



### **Tom Gard**

Trustee, Chair of Performance & Review Committee

Tom spent 20 years as a newspaper reporter and editor before helping set up a mentoring service for alcoholics based at Exeter CVS. Currently a Mental Health Bid Writer and Developer for Turning Point, Tom has experience of the Third Sector from both a local VCS and national provider perspective.



### **Andrew Williamson, CBE**

Trustee

Andrew was Director of Social Services for Devon County Council for 10 years. During this time he also undertook a number of national roles on behalf of the Association of Directors of Social Services, and was elected Secretary for a three year term from 1996. In 1991, he was invited to serve a three year period as a member of the Criminal Justice Council an advisory body to Government, on all aspects of the Criminal and Judicial system. In 1997 Andrew was asked by the Home Secretary to serve as a member of a Task Force looking into all aspects of Youth Crime.

Andrew was engaged by the Department for International Development between 2000 – 2005 to assist and advise on developing child protection services in Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova. His work in Moldova was commissioned by UNICEF where he spent some time in Family Centres working with local specialists and participating in meetings with Ministers. He was subsequently asked to undertake similar work in Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Czech Republic.

Andrew has participated in a number of enquiries in Local Authority Social Services Departments and NHS Trusts in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and the States of Jersey. He was appointed Chair of the North and East Devon Health Authority in 2002 and was asked to chair Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Primary Care Trust from 2006 – 2013. He is currently involved with a number of local Charitable Trusts.



## **Jess Hurrell**

Trustee

Jess is the Impact and Partnership Development Manager for Government, Crime, Justice and Law at the University of Exeter where she has worked for the past 12 years. She also manages the University's relationship with IBM. Prior to this she worked in adult careers in the community, criminal justice system, and workplace, and as a mentor on a government pilot scheme working with individuals returning to work or long term unemployed.

Jess was born in Exeter and grew up in Somerset, she studied Accounting at University in Cardiff and then returned to Exeter where she lives with her family. She has worked for several charities including St Loye's Foundation and apart from working and being a mum, she is also a trustee of Exeter Gymnastics Club.



## **Matthew Byrne**

Trustee

Matthew has worked in and with the third sector for about twenty five years, most recently as Head of Carers Services at Westbank Healthy Living Centre Exminster, where he oversees the delivery of information and support services for around 20,000 adult and young carers across Devon.