



Lesley Durham, Network Director NoECCN

Lesley has been an active and supportive member of Critical Care Networks for many years, and believes that Critical Care Operational Delivery Networks are ideally positioned to become integral and enabling structures within the UK NHS architecture.

Lesley has spent over 25 years at the coal face in critical care and outreach; she believes emphatically that since their introduction, 'Critical Care Outreach' services and the introduction of 'Early Warning Scores' have made an immense and invaluable contribution to the quality, safety and effectiveness of care for critically and acutely ill patients in hospital. Lesley also believes that it is only correct that critical care outreach teams are now being referred to as the 'safety engines of our hospitals' in the UK.

Lesley was a member of the UK Royal College of Physicians (RCP) 'National Early Warning Score Development and Implementation Group' (NEWSDIG) and latterly the 'NEWS Review Group' which has recently published 'NEWS2'. Lesley remains a core contributor to the 'NEWS Chart and Educational Programme' sub-group which is responsible for developing the on-line training modules for NEWS2.

Lesley had the privilege of serving as Chair of the UK National Outreach Forum (NOF) between 2006 and 2010. She is a founding member and on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Rapid Response Systems (iSRRS), and is currently President Elect. As an active member of both the NOF (UK) and iSRRS Board's, Lesley remains committed to providing vision, drive and facilitation to achieve the development of these organisations as recognised credible bodies representing and informing clinicians, patients and carers on all aspects of Critical Care Outreach Services and Rapid Response System's both within the UK and internationally.

Interests: African adventure, family and friends, food and wine.