



Barbara Gale Chief Executive Officer

Career Profile:

I trained originally as a registered nurse at Guy's Hospital, London and became interested in hospice care in 1981 when I started working at Sir Michael Sobell House in Oxford. Since then I have had various roles which included working as a Macmillan Nurse in Essex and in Cambridge and Head of the Education Department at Arthur Rank House in Cambridge.

I completed a second qualification as a Family Therapist in 2003 at the Tavistock Clinic in order to work more with families with children. My interest in management started in 2003 and I joined St Nicholas Hospice Care in 2005 as the Clinical Director before becoming the Chief Executive Officer in 2007.

I am currently studying for a Masters in Hospice Leadership at Lancaster University.

And other community involvement?

I am a Trustee of the Stour Education Trust in Sudbury.

Why do you work for St Nicholas Hospice Care?

I am passionate about helping people live with their illnesses and have seen how good support and preparation can make such a difference to the person when they are dying and their families.