

# Bilborough College

## Meet the Governors Governor Profile



**Dr Paula Holt. MBE. Pro Vice Chancellor, Dean of Health and Social Care at University of Derby. Appointed Governor.**

Paula started her career as a General Nurse, specialising in acute medicine, then became a Mental Health Nurse. She served as an Army Officer for 8 years in SE England, Germany and Scotland heading up mental health services for Forces personnel and their families, and undertook operational tours of Bosnia in 1993/4 and 1997. In the NHS she led a drug and alcohol team, a mentally disordered offender service and developed a mandated drug treatment programme for offenders. Within Higher Education she has championed widening participation and supporting social mobility through health careers, making a success of Higher Apprenticeships for Assistant Practitioners and Nursing Associates.

As well as leading the College of Health and Social Care Paula leads on mental health on a range of external initiatives with schools and employers, on all areas of Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity and on work related to veterans and the Armed Forces. Paula is Executive Lead for Regulation for the Council of Deans of Health, representing 85 Universities that deliver Health and care across the UK.