



**THORNFIELDS**

# **ASSOCIATE DIRECTORY OF BIOGRAPHIES AND SKILLSETS**

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## THORNFIELDS - OUR ASSOCIATES

Welcome to this guide which sets out the wealth of skills and experiences that our valued Thornfields Associates bring to our clients. Our Associates are spread all around the UK and have delivered training workshops on a broad range of topics. Some also help with updating the policies and procedures library that FPM has on its FPM Core system.

If you know of anyone who would like to become a Thornfields Associate please do let us know. Likewise if you gain new skills and experience you would like reflected in this guide, contact us.



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# ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATES



**TESS CLARKE**

*Llanidloes, (Powys)*

Tess has over 20 years' experience as a Practice Manager, as well as experience in coaching and mentoring aspiring practice managers. She is a TQUK Level 3 Instructor in First Aid at Work including BLS, AED and Anaphylaxis, and holds the TQUK Level 3 Award in Education and Training. She is also an ILM3 tutor. Tess feels quality training is vital to enable, motivate and empower staff to be the best they can, and in turn provide the best care and outcomes for patients'

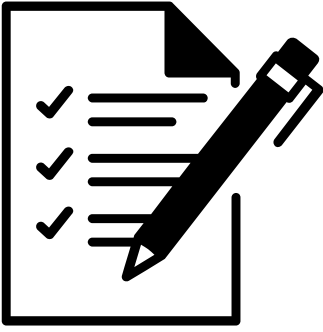


**HEATHER COOK**

*Wakefield, (West Yorkshire)*

Following a successful career as a Commercial Director in the private sector, Heather spent 6 years providing strategic business support to a financially failing GP practice, and assisting with the restructuring of the administration team. After 6 years in the practice Heather decided to semi-retire, joining FPM as a consultant in 2015.

Heather works with practices to address areas of concern, deliver introduction to GP practice management training and offer support and delivery at Federation and ICS level. Heather is a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management (FInstLM), and a member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)



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**JOANNA FOX**

*London, (West London)*

Joanna's background prior to joining the Healthcare sector spans the education sector, the hotel and hospitality industry, and the health/wellbeing, fitness and sport sectors. She is knowledgeable about sports science, nutrition, and is an ex-professional athlete.

She has 14 years' experience in healthcare, postgraduate in Business and Healthcare, a Postgraduate degree in executive business (Governance and Policy) and sustainable business (Financial and NET Zero).

In addition, Joanna is a Chartered Fellow in employment, and management, Associate Fellow in Human Factors and Ergonomics – and is currently in Y3 of an MSc in Patient Safety and Clinical Human Factors. Her Project and Transformation Management knowledge came through PRINCE2, and Health & Safety Management through IOSH.



**TRACY GREEN**

*Tiverton, (Devon)*

Tracy has supported numerous practices with CQC compliance as well as leading and restructuring teams in primary care settings. She has worked as a Federation Manager for a large group of practices and since 2014 has been a Primary Care Compliance Expert. She recently led a PCN through a CQC transformation from Inadequate to a Good rating over a 9-month period.

Tracy is a certified coach and Neurolinguistic Programming practitioner, and has worked nationally at a strategic and operational level with PCNs, GP practices and ICBs, and delivers the General Practice Improvement Programme through one of NHS England's delivery partners.

She has an MCIPD, CMgrFCMI, FloL, FREC, is certified coach, and Insights Discovery Practitioner, and has run Thornfields webinars on the topic of CQC inspections.



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**STAYCE GIBSON**

*Bristol*

Stayce has a passion for helping others to stay aware of the small factors in life we often breeze past. Her training sessions stimulate attendees to take some time out, become very conscious and breathe, while making decisions that are best for our personal lives.

Stayce currently works inside a General Medical Practice, running the daily shift as Shift Lead. She also works on the Rota team helping to organise the functionality of the practice. She has worked in Mental Health, Supported living Accommodation, Addiction and Youth Support for over 10 years while training to be a Person-Centred Therapist. She is open, caring and loves to serve people, acting fast to stand up for anything unjust, or anyone mistreated.

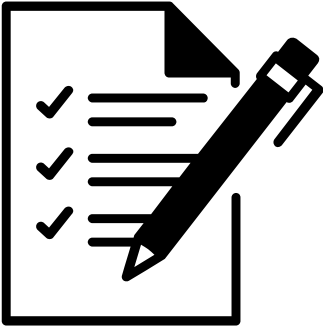


**ANITA HAMPSON**

*Leeds, (West Yorkshire)*

Anita is a highly motivated experienced GP Practice Manager. During her career she managed and led on numerous projects which enhanced the developments of both the Practices she worked with along with the wider population and local healthcare community. These included practice expansions and building extensions, and developing new ways of working within the PCN model. Anita also completed the Certificate in Performance Management in Local Health Care. She retired in 2020 from practice management. Anita is now an ILM3 trainer and assessor.





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### PHIL HARNBY

*Durham, (County Durham)*

Phil Harnby is a Director at Mitchells Grievson Chartered Accountants in County Durham. Prior to this he was a Director of a large Newcastle-based practice specialising in the healthcare sector.

Phil has also presented on financial topics at national events and written for various national publications. He looks after practices up and down the country and particularly enjoys the engagement with the managers he meets. He has also presented Thornfield webinars on the topics of the GP Contract, Merging Practices, and Partnerships.



### HELEN MCMENAMIN

*Gateshead (Tyne & Wear)*

Helen combines her professional experience with personal insight to offer a unique expertise in grief and bereavement support. Her journey, shaped by working with individuals facing mental health challenges and her own experiences of profound loss, led her to create The Flying Fish Company. Through this platform, Helen delivers impactful training that helps organisations support employees during challenging times.

She also hosts the podcast series Navigating Life After Loss, where she candidly shares her experiences, offering understanding and comfort to those who feel isolated in their grief, and providing valuable insight for those supporting others on their journey. She has presented a series of webinars for Thornfields on the topic of Navigating Grief at Work.



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**LISANNE MEADOWCROFT**

*Carnforth, (Lancashire)*



Lisanne has 19 years' experience working in primary care, with a speciality in phlebotomy and paediatric phlebotomy. She delivers updates for staff performing phlebotomy, and part of the course concentrates on teaching delegates how not to "miss" a vein. Her courses are delivered in a fun yet professional manner.

**MIRANDA MELLOR**

*Thornton-Cleveleys (Lancashire)*



Miranda has over 30 years' experience in primary care, including working as an associate trainer for over 7 years. She combines her experience of Business and Practice Management to help others in Primary Care.





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## TIM MORRIS

*Leamington Spa, (Warwickshire)*

Tim is a current managing partner in a 22k patient practice rated CQC outstanding, and is a PCN director.

He was educated to Masters level with an MA in Management Practice (2010) and level seven post-graduate Diploma in Management and Leadership. Tim is a fellow of the Chartered Management Institute.

Tim boasts 19 years' experience as a practice manager working at board level with South Warwickshire CCG and six years as managing director of the South Warwickshire GP Federation, including four years as a PCN director. Tim has 16 years' clinical experience with West Midlands Ambulance Service and six years' experience as a CQC specialist advisor for primary medical services.

Tim is passionate about primary care and enjoys using his experience to support and develop primary care teams to deliver outstanding patient care. he has also presented Thornfield webinars on topics such as Improving Access.







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## GABBY PROWSE

*Weston-Super-Mare, (North Somerset)*

With over 25 years of experience in learning and development, including senior management roles in education, GP Practice Management, and as an NHS recruitment consultant, Gabby has a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by GP Practice staff.

Specialising in Conflict Management and leadership training, Gabby focuses on empowering staff to confidently tackle the specific challenges of the NHS. Certified as an MOE Foundation coach and TetraMap® team-building facilitator, she brings a wealth of expertise to her workshops, fostering a supportive environment where participants can develop practical skills that enhance their professional lives and boost the overall efficiency of the practice.



## MAIREAD ROCHE

*London, (North London)*

Mairead originally trained as a nurse (RGN) and has worked as a Practice Manager for 30 years. She is a qualified trainer and worked for many years with Camden CCG as their Non-Clinical Staff Training Lead. Her main interest is in developing administrative support roles to adapt and respond to the post pandemic challenges faced in primary care, especially work around signposting, care navigation, improving the patient experience and document management.

She has worked with The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) and in Adult Education facilities supporting learners in achieving The City and Guilds Certificate in Medical Administration. Recently she has developed and delivered Level 3 Apprenticeship training to learners looking to achieve the new Community Health and Well Being Workers qualification.



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**TRACY SIMPSON**

*Leven, Fife*

Tracy has been a Business Manager/Partner for 21 years. Prior to working in General Practice, she was an Administrator in Primary Care for 13 years. The skills and knowledge she has gained over the 21 years has stood her in good stead for sharing information with other colleagues in a Primary Care setting. She is also the Chair of a local Practice Managers Association, as well as a Training Practice Lay Visitor.



**SARAH STAPLETON**

*Chulmleigh, Devon*

Sarah is educated to foundation degree level with 27 years' experience in GP Practice, 12 of those as Practice Manager. More recently, she has utilised her experience and skills in education and development of non-clinical staff working in GP Practices. Sarah is experienced in HR, change management and all aspects of operational management, including health & safety, recruitment & development. She has run courses for Thornfields on the topic of Chaperone Training.





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**JAYNE TAIT**

*Skipton, North Yorkshire*



Jayne has 21 years' NHS management/business experience, with a particular interest in practice finance.

**LIZ WICK**

*Sheffield, South Yorkshire*



Liz is a former PM with 21 years' experience of both large and small General Practice. She worked for the Care Quality Commission for 5 years as a Specialist Advisor, assisting in the inspections of 450 practices with ratings scaling from outstanding to inadequate and the immediate closure of practices.

She has worked as a Primary Development Advisor with the Royal College of GPs to help practices out of difficulties and providing them with a strategic plan of action to move forward. She uses her many varied experiences in the delivery of training to all delegates.

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