

Accreditation and Recognition panel member

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Cathy currently manages a portfolio career in Yorkshire in workforce development. At the University of Leeds, Cathy supports the professional formation of medical students. As well Cathy’s role as a Lay Accreditation Panel Member for the General Pharmaceutical Council, Cathy is a Lay Inspector for Social Work England and an Education Visitor for the General Chiropractic Council. Building on Cathy’s leadership experience in the NHS, Cathy is a part of York University’s innovative employability programme, York Strengths.

For five years, Cathy was Chief Executive of the Thames Valley Health Innovation and Education Cluster; known as The Knowledge Team. Cathy established the HIEC as a major catalyst for change and improvement across the NHS in the Thames Valley region, working with more than 400 organisations across health, industry and academia. This led Cathy to a role at Coventry University setting up the successful Global Healthcare Management masters programme. Previously, Cathy was a Chief Operating Officer, City University London. She came to the University from the NHS where Cathy commissioned education and learning in the West Midlands. Prior to that, Cathy was Vice Principal at Newman University Birmingham; and have worked for both the Department of Health and the Department of Education and Skills.

Cathy has researched and published in her area of lifelong interest – learning for, from, and in work. Currently, her research work is in the field of business and personal networking.