

## Meet the Judging Panel: Child Health Award



**Gary Bell**  
**Editorial director of RCNi**

Gary Bell has been a journalist for 30 years, working on newspapers in Australia and the UK. He joined RCNi in 2004 and held a number of different posts within the company, before being appointed to his current role in June 2019.



**Christine Walker**  
**Editor of Learning Disability Practice and Nursing Children & Young People, RCNi**

Ms Walker originally trained as a journalist and has worked for a variety of publications, and in health and medical communications. She is a clinical editor who has specialised in nursing since 2002.



**Caroline Shuldham OBE**

Caroline Shuldham is a non-executive member of the RCNi board and a registered nurse with a background in critical care and cardiac nursing. She chaired the RCNi editorial advisory board from 2015-2019.

Dr Shuldham is an independent consultant, with experience in clinical governance, management, research and teaching. She is a non-executive director at community care provider CSH Surrey, where she chairs the quality and safety governance committee. She is an adviser on care matters to the trustees of a charity that provides independent living accommodation and a care home for older residents. Previously, Dr Shuldham was executive director of nursing and clinical governance at Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust.



### **Joan Myers OBE**

Joan Myers has more than 35 years' experience as a senior nurse leader and educator in community settings across London, developing children's nursing services. She is a 2017 Florence Nightingale Foundation leadership scholar and is now a trustee and director with the Florence Nightingale Foundation. She is also on the RCN London board as well as an RCN Council member.

Dr Myers is an inspirational speaker and is passionate about motivating and challenging nursing staff to excel and do well in their careers.

In 2013, she received an OBE for services to children and nursing in the Queens' Birthday honours list. She is a Queen's Nurse and has an honorary doctorate from Middlesex University.



### **Margaret Sneddon**

#### **Honorary senior research fellow, University of Glasgow**

Margaret Sneddon joined nursing and the Royal College of Nursing in 1974 as a student. Her clinical background spans gynaecology, oncology and palliative care, subsequently specialising in lymphoedema. She is an educator who initiated and led various palliative care and lymphoedema programmes in the University of Glasgow, taking on leadership of the Nursing & Health Care School for nine years. Ms Sneddon's contribution was recognised by the university with a Teaching Excellence Award in 2007 and an Outstanding Contribution to Lymphoedema Education from the International Lymphoedema Framework in 2009. In 2016 she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the British Lymphology Society. Having retired as head of school in 2016, Ms Sneddon continues input to university education of all disciplines, support of the RCN and has an active leadership role as a trustee with the British Lymphology Society to further understanding of lymphoedema and chronic oedema.



### **Yvonne Coghill CBE, OBE**

#### **Director of WRES Implementation in NHS England**

Yvonne Coghill commenced nurse training at Central Middlesex Hospital in 1977, qualified as a general nurse in 1980 and then went on to qualify in mental health nursing and health visiting. In 1986 she secured her first NHS management job and has since held a number of operational and strategic leadership posts.

Ms Coghill has been voted by colleagues in the NHS as one of the top 50 most inspirational women, one of the top 50 most inspirational nurse leaders and one of the top 50 BME pioneers. In 2018 she was awarded a fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing, an honorary fellowship from King's College University, honorary doctorates from the Middlesex and Buckinghamshire Universities and has become deputy president of the RCN.