

## Press Release

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# Dr David Foster awarded OBE in New Year's Honours List

Dr David Foster, a member of the Council of the Queen's Nursing Institute, has been awarded an OBE as a QNI Trustee and for services to nursing and midwifery in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Until 2016, David was a civil servant at the Department of Health, most recently as Head of the Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions Policy Unit, having previously been Deputy Chief Nursing Officer. In his 8 years at the Department he advised Ministers and policy teams on nursing, midwifery and allied health professions issues affecting the health and social care system.

David trained in nursing at the Middlesex Hospital, London and in midwifery at Falkirk and Stirling Royal Infirmaries in Scotland. His postgraduate career focused on adult intensive care nursing before moving into management and professional leadership roles. He ended his NHS career as Director of Nursing at Hammersmith Hospitals NHS Trust.

David commented:

'I am really honoured and thrilled to receive this award. It is especially touching because I will have been nominated and supported by my colleagues in both nursing and midwifery. I am also pleased it is an endorsement of my commitment to being a charity trustee'.

Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, Chief Executive of the QNI commented:

'I am thrilled to see David recognised for his significant and ongoing contribution to both professions of nursing and midwifery. We are particularly delighted as David works with the QNI as a very active trustee, in support of nurses and midwives working in the community. His knowledge and expertise continue to make a difference to professionals working across health and social care. Sincere congratulations to David from all at the QNI.'

Dr David Foster is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives. He is also a visiting professor at Buckinghamshire New University, King's College, London, and Manchester Metropolitan University. He has an honorary doctorate from Middlesex University and is a member of the Court of London South Bank University.

As well as serving on the QNI's Council, he is chairman of the Lindsay Leg Club Foundation and the Foundation of Nursing Studies.

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