



Professor Mary Dunning OBE - Governor Profile.

Professor Mary Dunning OBE is Professor Emeritus at the University of Northumbria. My career in nursing and education spans almost four decades.

I started off my professional education as a registered nurse, training with the University College Hospital, London in 1968 *where I was awarded the Gold Medal for her year in Nursing*. I progressed through a number of nursing-related positions ranging from ward sister and midwife through to senior nurse tutor at St Bartholomew's School of Nursing in London. I came to *the North East in 1983 as the Director of Nurse Education at Newcastle College of Nursing in 1986*.

In 1991 I took up the post of Principal at Newcastle College of Health Studies, later to become Bede, Newcastle and Northumbria College of Nursing *following a series of mergers of nursing colleges in the Tyne and Wear and Northumberland area*, which I led. I moved into Northumbria University, with *the College*, in 1995 as the Deputy Dean/Professor of *the School of Health, Community and Education Studies* until she retired in 2006.

Throughout my working life I have forged relationships with a wide range of stakeholders including employers, commissioners, quality assurance bodies, learners and the general public.

In particular, I was involved in the negotiation of a multimillion pound NHS contract on behalf of the School for Northumbria University to deliver professional education for the Strategic Health Authority. I also had overall responsibility for learning, teaching, quality assurance and enhancement *within the School*, resulting in high quality scores for health provision *in the University* and coming top of the external league tables for nursing.

I took a strong lead in academic development *both within in the NHS and at Northumbria University*. This is evidenced by an increase in open/distance learning; recognition for previous learning giving students an advanced footing on professional programmes and co-author of a work-based learning framework for awards within the University.

As well as being a former member of the Learning and Skills Councils for both Northumberland and Tyne and Wear, my other experiences include being a Governor and Member of Tyne Metropolitan College Corporation Board for eleven years till summer 2017. This was a role I was very committed to and saw and supported the College through many changes. I also was an Institutional Auditor for the Quality Assurance Agency.

In 2007, I was awarded by the University of Newcastle with a Doctor of Science Honoris Causa and in 2012 a Doctor of Civil Law Honoris Causa from the University of Northumbria Northumberland both for my work and service to nursing education. In 2017 I was honoured to receive an OBE for services to further and higher and the community in the North East of England.

I live in Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear with an aging black Labrador called Sophie and am part of the dog walking community on Whitley Bay Beach. I also spend spare time being an active member of Whitley Bay U3A.

I was asked to join Woodlawn at a time of change due to my previous experience in Governance and education. I was delighted to be appointed as I can continue to be actively involved in the education of children and young people in the area. I am firmly committed to ensuring high quality education for all and

that all learners reach their potential. Woodlawn enables me to continue this ideal and build links between all aspects of education provision.