



DMWS

The St John and Red Cross
Defence Medical Welfare Service

DMWS Chairman and Director Profile's



Dr J Gordon Paterson OBE

Dr Paterson is a specialist in Public Health with over 35 years experience in the NHS. He currently has various remits as advisor on cancer and screening programmes to the four UK Health Departments and chairs the Scottish Government's Bowel Cancer Advisory Group. In the charitable sector he is trustee and chairman of the grants committee of Queen Mary's Roehampton Trust and a trustee of Attend.

Gordon has been involved with the Red Cross for 30 years and for 3 of those was appointed as Chief Medical Advisor to British Red Cross. He has had extensive involvement in contingency planning at national level, including joint work with military colleagues on transition to Reception Arrangement Military Patients (RAMP) in the run up to Op TELIC operations in the Gulf. He is currently a member of Joint Committee of the Order of St John and the British Red Cross.



Maryanne Burton

Maryanne has 40 years experience in the voluntary sector, particularly with the British Red Cross, holding a number of volunteer roles, including Trustee for 4 years, prior to joining the national staff as head of volunteering.

Maryanne's remit is both internal and external on all volunteering matters, including chairing a European volunteer managers. Maryanne has a background in recruitment and conference organising



The Baroness Audrey Emerton, DBE DL

Audrey Emerton is a distinguished member of the nursing profession having held a number of prestigious roles including chairing the United Kingdom Central Committee of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting. She has a long association with the Order of St John initially joining as a cadet in 1946 and continually progressing to the post of Chief Commander of St John Ambulance for several years before her retirement in 2002

Audrey is a former member of the Joint Committee of the Order of St John and the British Red Cross.

Since becoming a life peer in 1997 she has regularly contributed as a cross bench member in the House of Lords on a variety of issues relating to nursing, patient care and the voluntary sector.



Mrs Kathy George, CBE

Kathy George is an experienced nurse executive with extensive experience at senior level in both the Military and the NHS. She is currently Acting Chief Executive of the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

During a distinguished military career Kathy attained the rank of Colonel and between 2002 – 2005 Director of Army Nursing Services and Matron in Chief of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC). Kathy has first hand knowledge of the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine, Selly Oak Hospital as one of the highest profile hospitals in which DMWS provides welfare services. She was awarded the Royal Red Cross (RRC) as a result of her exceptional service in military nursing during 1990-1991 when she was Matron of the regular field hospital deployed in the first Gulf War. Kathy was awarded the CBE for her contribution to military nursing spanning a period of 26 years



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Mark Gower-Smith

Mark Gower-Smith is Senior Partner of a firm of Chartered Accountants. In addition to working in accounts, auditing and tax, he has a particular interest in charities and those working in medicine. For many years he has been involved in various roles within the Church of England, at parish and diocesan level. Mark is also on the Ceremonial Staff of St John and a member of the Court of Assistants of a City Livery Company. Playing the organ, opera and heraldry and amongst his interests for times of recreation.



Mrs Jill Scott, OBE JP

Jill Scott has been associated with the Order of St John for nearly thirty years (longer if years as a Cadet are included), both at County and National level. It was while Superintendent-in-Chief that she first became involved in the Service Hospital Welfare Department, as DMWS was then named. It was during that time that she was also involved in the Joint Committee of NVASEC. She has always been involved in very many voluntary organisations, particularly within Norfolk. Included in these are: - agriculture, education, police, and radio. She has served as a Justice of the Peace for twenty four years, and continues to be a Tax Commissioner.



Mrs Phyllida Stewart-Roberts, CVO, OBE

Phyllida Stewart-Roberts is a long serving member and past Chairman of the Joint Committee of the Order of St John and the British Red cross. She took a particular interest in its Service Hospitals Welfare Department (the forerunner of DMWS) and was heavily involved with the evolution of DMWS. As former Lord Lieutenant of East Sussex, Mrs Stewart-Roberts was actively involved with many charitable organisations including acting as a trustee for the renowned Florence Nightingale Foundation. Following her retirement from the Lord Lieutenant role she was awarded the CVO. Phyllida has an extensive and ongoing involvement with the Order of St John and is currently County Chairman for East Sussex.