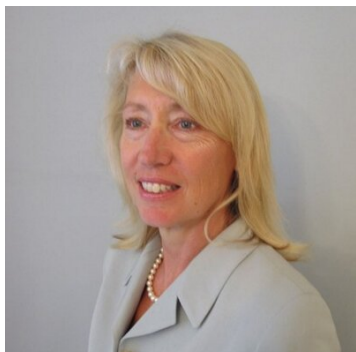


Christine Swabey - Chair



Christine has operated at a senior level in the commercial, public and third sectors, with significant Chair experience. She has had a particular focus on delivering consumer focussed service improvement, notably in education, health and social care and is experienced in developing strong governance within complex accountability frameworks, forging strong relationships with multiple stakeholders.

Her interest in education is broad ranging, encompassing a deep engagement with special educational needs, notably autism, serving both as a Trustee of Ambitious about Autism and Chief Executive of leading medical research charity Autistica. She served as a Governor of St John's School Leatherhead, a leading co-educational independent school, age 11-18 years, and as Vice Chair of Kingston University. She has most recently been appointed to the Board of the Manchester based Northern Consortium, comprising 11 UK universities, collaborating to deliver transnational educational programmes with international partners to facilitate the entry of international students to UK universities.

Following an early career in financial services, working for a US commercial bank managing major client relationships in Europe and the Middle East, Christine has held a number of public sector roles, including Chairman of Kingston Hospital NHS Trust and Non-Executive Director of South West London and St George's Mental Health Trust, as well as broad ranging charity experience, including most recently Vice Chair of the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.

Christine serves as a Magistrate on the bench of South West London.