

# **The Honorary Graduate: Andrea Young**

## **The Orator: Dr Sally Moyle**

### **Andrea Young is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws**

Andrea Young is the Chief Executive of North Bristol NHS Trust, a post she has held for over 6 years. Andrea led the Trust which was formerly based on two sites; Frenchay and Southmead into a brand new 850 bedded hospital in May 2014. Many teams had never worked together before and the layout of the hospital with 24 operating theatres, an airport layout for outpatients and 26 wards made up of mostly single en-suite rooms meant big change and at times for the 8,000 staff who work there. The atrium is the length of Westminster Cathedral and is now frequently filled with school choirs, piano recitals and over 500 volunteers provide reassurance and a friendly smile to help patients on their way.

The Trust cares for patients locally but also right across the South West region and Wales for internationally renowned work such as neurosciences. It is the second largest centre in the country for stroke thrombectomy, a procedure that removes brain clots through arteries and enables most patients to walk out of hospital the next day. It is also the major trauma centre, for burns, plastics, vascular and renal transplantation. It has become exceptionally busy as more patients choose to be treated at the new facilities at Southmead.

Andrea's career started as a nurse, training at the Royal Free in London, then midwifery at Whipps Cross in East London. She qualified in 1981 but feeling she had missed out on a wider education, went to South Bank Polytechnic as a mature student, graduating with a first in Social Sciences and subsequently a Masters in Public Law from Sheffield University. During her studies Andrea supplemented her University GRANT(!) with nursing and midwifery shifts on the bank.

She returned to the NHS full time with a research post working for a Community Health Council and then moved into public health for a period, setting up the first national AIDS programme in 1990. She went onto lead primary care development in East London with a £10 million investment programme. Andrea took up her first Chief Executive post in Oxford Primary Care Trust in 2001. Prior to her current role she was a member of the NHS top management board and helped set up the new arrangements for NHS England across the South East, West and Central regions. She came to North Bristol to fulfil an ambition of running a hospital and to rekindle happy childhood memories of Bristol.

Since 2014 Andrea has also chaired Bristol Health Partners, a collaboration of the two hospitals in Bristol, the two Universities and the City Council.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Andrea's exceptional contribution for the National Health Service and partnership work with the University community.