

The Honorary Graduand: Vicky Brown KAM

Doctor of Science

Vicki Brown was born in Hertfordshire and later settled in Devon. She began her professional journey at Warwickshire Agricultural College before initially pursuing a career working with horses. In 2002, she transitioned into the ambulance service, marking the beginning of a distinguished career spanning over two decades, including 20 years within Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS).

Vicki is an Advanced Practitioner in Critical Care and currently serves with an air ambulance service covering Bristol and the surrounding region, where she delivers advanced pre-hospital care in complex and high-acuity environments. Throughout her career, she has undertaken a wide range of clinical and leadership roles, consistently demonstrating a commitment to excellence in paramedic practice and professional development.

She was awarded a Master of Science degree from the University of the West of England in 2016. Notably, Vicki became the first individual in the UK from a purely paramedic background to achieve Level 8 Consultant accreditation with the Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, where she also contributes as an examiner.

In recognition of her outstanding service, Vicki was awarded the King's Ambulance

Medal in the 2024 New Year Honours, acknowledging her exceptional ability, merit, and dedication.

Beyond her clinical work, Vicki plays an active role in advancing pre-hospital care at a national level. She contributes to the development of clinical guidelines and participates in the review of major incident responses through her work with the College of Paramedics and NHS England.

Her academic and research interests include pre-hospital critical care, paramedic education, clinical decision-making, and the application of evidence-based practice. Through her work, Vicki continues to drive innovation, enhance the quality and consistency of care, and support the ongoing evolution of the paramedic profession.