



Philip Shelley biography

As Former National Chair of the Hospital Catering Association (HCA), Philip Shelley is based at Musgrove Park Hospital with Taunton & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust as a Facilities Manager. He has served in the NHS for 26 years and is passionate in promoting quality food for patients, staff and visitors.

Having served as National Chair of the HCA, Philip has been able to collaborate with many organisations. Linking effectively with the British Dietetic Association (BDA) and the Health Estates and Facilities Management Association (Hefma) to gain momentum in making positive decisions for the empowering of the recovery for patients. Philip is currently an Associate Board member of the Malnutrition Task Force (MFT) that is chaired by Dianne Jeffrey.

Whilst being chair of the HCA, the inspiration to promote the “last 9 yards” and the “power of 3” has increased the focus on patient catering within the NHS, this has been a challenge that Philip leads fervently, linking with clinical partners and fellow associations to raise the bar to the highest level possible. Endorsing the key aspect of the availability of nutrition & hydration for all patients over 365 days of the year is essential to drive consistency of service.

Philip has led the FM team in a number of initiatives, winning the NHS Business Award for Catering in 2016 and shortlisted for a number of awards for the hydration model, “Droplet”. Philip was also presented with the Public Sector Award by Cost Sector in 2018.

As part of his current role in the Trust he is also responsible for waste, retail catering, commercial relationships (including car parking), transport, post, linen and portering.