**David Thorpe**

David has been a nurse for 25 years, with a passion for patient safety and for leadership that empowers others.

For many years David worked in Intensive Care, where he was a lead nurse, and gained valuable experience and an enthusiasm for quality improvement. He was involved with national safety projects supported by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI).

Another passion project relates to the health and wellbeing of staff, and David has worked with NHS Elect on the collaborative development and successful introduction of clinical supervision for the personal and professional development of staff.

The patients’ voice and coproduction or codesign is important to him and in collaboration with HealthWatch Hertfordshire has developed a Coproduction Board, which David Chairs. This exciting development raises the patients’ voice and supports stakeholder involvement to drive improvement in clinical pathways and patient experience initiatives.

David’s career to date has offered, and continues to offer, many development and leadership opportunities in both operational and strategic management. David is recognised for his vision, enthusiasm, passion for safe and effective care and the empowerment of staff to enable a patient-centred and quality-driven sustainable service.