Biography – Gill Walton, Chief Executive and General Secretary, Royal College of Midwives

Gill Walton is the Royal College of Midwives’ Chief Executive and General Secretary. Gill is an experienced and acknowledged midwifery leader. Her focus at the RCM is to advocate for members as both a trade union and a professional association, ensuring that members are supported throughout their career and ensure their voices are heard by policy makers, employers and other stakeholders. Her passion for promoting a multidisciplinary respectful working through One Voice, with the RCOG and other partners, is role modelling an approach essential to maternity safety and improvement. Before joining the RCM, she was the Director of Midwifery and Maternity Services at Portsmouth Hospitals and held similar posts at the Royal Berkshire Hospitals, Barking and Havering and Redbridge, and the John Radcliffe in Oxford. Gill has led many NHS transformation programmes for maternity services and has been involved in national strategic policy developments including work with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, Department of Health & Social Care and other regional strategic bodies.