

NHIVNA 2025 Speaker Biographies

Alison Brown, Consultant Scientist, UK Health Security Agency

Pronouns: She/Her

Dr Alison Brown is a consultant scientist at the UK Health Security Agency. She is an HIV epidemiologist with an interest in combination prevention and how to track progress to end HIV transmission.

Jane Brown, HIV CNS, Brotherton Wing Clinic - Leeds

Pronouns: She/Her

Jane Brown is an HIV CNS at Leeds. She started her nurse training in April 1986 at UCH London. She has been very privileged to have worked in many services including UCH, Middlesex, Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital's. She also worked for Arlington Care for a couple of years working with the homeless with dependency issues. She started her sexual health carer in 1992 at St Marys Hospital Paddington, moving to work in Tunbridge Wells as a Health advisor in 1997 before moving to Yorkshire and joining the Leeds GUM clinic. The changes in sexual health moving funding from NHS England to local council and for Leeds splitting HIV and sexual health services did not sit well for her and a year after the move she moved into Hepatitis B and C nursing. The expansion of HIV care at Leeds when they won the tender to provide care for Wakefield and Dewbury had her move back into HIV services in 2017 and when she presents at conference she will be in the last week of her nursing career having decided it's time for retirement.

Emma Davey, Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist in Palliative Care/ HIV Oncology, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre

Pronouns: She/Her

Emma has worked as a Macmillan Clinical Nurse Specialist in Palliative care for the last twenty one years, across hospice, acute hospital, community and tertiary care settings, supporting individuals with life limiting illness.

In addition to her specialist palliative care role, she is employed in an additional role in HIV oncology, working alongside Merseyside and Cheshire Cancer Alliance tackling the challenges people living with HIV face in accessing early cancer diagnosis, treatment, and care. This role was funded following her masters dissertation, which highlighted the need for improved clinical education around this dual diagnosis and also reflects a commitment to addressing the higher prevalence and worse outcomes of cancer among people living with HIV. Emma is now undertaking a PhD in HIV oncology, aiming to be a positive part of the future of HIV oncology care.

In addition, Emma is a keen educator, lecturing in John Moore's and Chester university in palliative and end of life care, as well as training on Advance Care Planning and advanced communication skills. Emma was awarded The Fiona Littledale Health Professional of the Year at The National PENNA awards for her work in patient advocacy, care and support.

Amy Evans, Lead Clinician & Consultant Genitourinary Medicine, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Pronouns: She/Her

Dr Amy Evans is Consultant & Lead Clinician in Genitourinary Medicine (Sexual Health & HIV) at Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. She leads for the West Yorkshire HIV network on Family & Young people's care, chairs the Under25 MDT and has evolved the Leeds Young Adult clinic and transition pathway working alongside paediatric HIV colleagues in Leeds since 2009.

Molly Hansell, Screening Coordinator & Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nottingham University Hospitals

Pronouns: She/Her

Molly Hansell is the Emergency Department Opt-Out BBV Screening Coordinator & Clinical Nurse Specialist at Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham.

Molly studied Adult Nursing at the University of Nottingham before gaining experience in Acute Medicine, A&E and more recently in Sexual Health & HIV in East London. Her current role aided Nottingham University Hospitals to become the first of the second wave sites to go live with opt-out BBV testing in A&E in July 2024. Whilst maintaining engagement in ED for this NHS England project, she undertakes results management, patient diagnosis and linkage to care. Molly is passionate about educating all healthcare providers about BBV stigma and the benefits of accessible and inclusive testing.

Jennifer Harrison, Clinical Nurse Specialist – HIV, HCRG Care Group

Jennifer has been a qualified nurse since 2002 working in various medical settings including cardiac care and infectious diseases research. Moving into the role as a HIV specialist nurse in 2018 Jennifer has been able to transfer her previous skills into the role of caring for patients living with HIV.

Jennifer has completed a MSc in Advanced Practice and is also a non-medical prescriber. Alongside this role, Jennifer works as a long arm assessor for a local University supporting student nurses in their training. Jennifer takes this opportunity to inform students of the issues around stigma of those living with HIV and to enhance the students' knowledge of HIV, including how to support those living with HIV when in their care.

Laura Hilton, HIV Nurse Consultant, Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust

Pronouns: She/Her

Laura qualified as a nurse in 1997. Laura has a total of 26 years of HIV experience, firstly within an inpatient setting and, for the past 22 years, as a clinical nurse specialist and a nurse consultant. Laura has a Masters degree in nursing. Laura currently leads three HIV services, both clinically and managerially. Laura has a particular interest in extended roles for nurses and new ways of working and was instrumental in setting up nurse-led clinics within my setting. Laura believes that specialist nurses are key to delivering high quality, patient centred care.

Christopher Hodgson, HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals

Christopher is currently working as HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Lancashire HIV Service. In conjunction with a team of consultants, Christopher manages a cohort of around 400 people living with HIV. Christopher has worked for 14 years within the field of Sexual Health and HIV.

Christopher is the Co – project lead on the implementation of an opt out BBV testing programme within our local emergency department. Christopher is very passionate about improving the care of people living with and those at risk of HIV.

Charlie Hughes, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Pronouns: She/Her

Charlie is an experienced and dedicated HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Stonegrove Centre, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. With 20 years of clinical experience, she is a highly skilled and compassionate nurse who is committed to improving the lives of people living with HIV.

In addition to her clinical work, she has a lead role in HIV research with an extensive history of projects looking into the roles and contribution of specialist nurses in HIV services in England. Charlie is currently the local Principal Investigator for the SPHERE Psycho-Social Intervention for People with HIV – Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation study and also facilitates the Sheffield - Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement group for HIV research.

Gemma Issrir, Senior Medical Secretary, Leeds Teaching hospital

Gemma Issrir, worked in Brotherton Wing Clinic for 5 years now, I am a senior medical secretary and also the Young Adult Champion of the HIV department. My role consists in helping young adult transitioning from Paeds department to our department, attending Young Adult Clinics that we held every three times a year, making sure they feel comfortable to attend and to have a nice safe space to relax and meet other young adult HIV positive.

Jen Kendrick, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust

Jen Kendrick is an HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist and Team Leader at the Northern Integrated Contraception, Sexual Health, and HIV Service at The Hathersage Centre, part of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. She has worked at the service since 2008, progressing from a Band 5 rotational nurse—gaining experience in sexual health, health advising, and HIV care—to her current leadership role.

Jen is a qualified non-medical prescriber and enjoys using her specialist skills to support patients in achieving the best possible health and social care outcomes, providing ongoing psychological support throughout their journey.

In addition to her clinical work, Jen has a strong passion for nurse education and for bringing nurses together to improve care for people living with HIV. She has been a member of the NHIVNA Executive Committee since 2021 and took on the role of Treasurer in 2024.

Esther Majoro, Chiva Specialist Support Officer (Yorkshire), Chiva

Esther Majoro is a Chiva specialist support officer Yorkshire Region; she has worked Chiva since 2021. Chiva is a national charity that supports children, young people and young adults living with HIV.

We offer one-to-one support to young people (including young adults) and families in clinics and in the community. This may be emotional support around difficulties managing HIV and related issues, social support to help young people connect with peers and build a support network, mental health and wellbeing support, as well as practical help. We can help advocate for young people and their families with wider agencies, for example schools, colleges, social care and health service

Andy Marshall, Clinical Team Leader, Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust

Pronouns: He/Him

Andy is a Charge Nurse at the Sussex Beacon, where he has worked since 1995. Andy has witnessed the unfolding challenges of HIV care. An independent charity, the Sussex Beacon maintains collaborative links with the wider network of HIV agencies, and maintains a close working relationships with colleagues beyond the Sussex Beacon. As a clinician, Andy is interested in complex case management and the impact of new diagnoses of HIV amongst older people. Andy is committed to governance and audit and views these as opportunities to learn. Having achieved a master's degree in psychology, Andy retains an interest in research. Andy served as the NHIVNA Honorary Secretary from 2017 to March 2022.

John McLuskey, Associate Professor, University of Nottingham

Pronouns: He/Him

John McLuskey is an Associate Professor at the University of Nottingham. He has worked in the field of HIV for over three decades. He delivers education on HIV across a number of curricula, including nursing, medicine and health promotion and public health. He teaches Evidence Based Practice at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and undertakes editorial work on research studies. John has been a member of the NHIVNA Executive for the past 12 years, with the final three being Honorary Secretary. In addition, John is a qualified professional coach and mentor.

Linda Panton, Charge Nurse/Clinical Nurse Specialist, NHS Lothian

I began my career as a staff nurse in a 14 bedded HIV unit thirty years ago and progressed to the role of clinical nurse specialist. I am currently Charge Nurse of the Infectious Diseases department and manage the clinic nurses, the HIV CNS and the Mental Health specialist nurses. Clinically I support a cohort of people living with HIV in our nurse-led service. I am passionate about nurses using their expert skills to look after people living with HIV and feel strongly that we provide best holistic care. I was part of a group of nurses who developed a best practice guide to carry out Annual Reviews to assess the physical, mental and sexual health of our patients and would like to see all clinics around the UK ensuring that patients see a nurse at least annually for a comprehensive check. I have served on the Executive since 2013 and was Treasurer from 2015. I am honoured to take on the role of Chair and look forward to working with an amazing group of people on the Executive to ensure we support education and research for our members and most importantly continue to fight to eradicate stigma for everyone living with HIV.

Jonathan Roberts, Clinical Nurse Specialist HIV /Senior HIV testing Co-ordinator, University Hospital Sussex NHS foundation Trust

Pronouns: He/Him

Jonathan started his career in HIV and sexual health over 20 years ago. He initially worked in Sexual Health & HIV as a Junior Nurse in Guys and St Thomas's and then at Barts and the Royal London. He then worked as a Senior Nurse in HIV Research care in Barts and the London before moving to Brighton in 1999. In Brighton he worked as a Community Nurse Specialist in HIV for 4 years before moving back to Hospital based care as a Liaison Health Advisor in 2003. In 2007 he worked part-time in this post and part time as a Senior Lecturer in Sexual Health & HIV at the University of Brighton. He moved to Wales to work as a Senior Nurse in HIV/ Integrated sexual health but returned to Brighton in 2017 to work as Nurse Team Leader in HIV outpatient care. Currently he now co-ordinates the programme for HIV opt out testing at the Royal Sussex County Hospital Emergency Department, along with working part-time as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in HIV care.

Natasha Sainsbury, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Mid and South Essex NHS trust

Natasha Sainsbury has worked as the Lead clinical nurse specialist at the Coelho Clinic within Mid and South Essex since 2022.

With a career in the NHS spanning over 20 years Natasha has a wealth of expertise and commitment to patient care.

Before joining the Coelho HIV Clinic, Natasha spent 6 years working as a senior nurse in Burns and Plastics department where she honed her skills in specialised patient care.

Her Professional journey reflects a passion for clinical excellence and a continual drive to enhance patient outcomes.

Anna Luisa Simonini, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust

Anna-Luisa qualified as a registered nurse in 1991, she has been working in the field of HIV & Sexual Health since 1995 in various roles. Anna-Luisa has been working in her current

role as HIV Clinical Nurse Specialist since January 2009, she is lead nurse at the HIV Outpatient Service for Leeds, which has a cohort of 2,500 patients.

Karina Veitch, Clinical nurse specialist/Health Advisor, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Karina Veitch has been a registered general nurse for 31 years; she has worked for the Leeds Trust for 28 years. Karina worked in Sexual health for 23 years up until last summer. She is a qualified sexual health and contraception nurse.

Karina commenced her current role in October 2024. Her current role is a blood borne virus nurse/health advisor (clinical nurse specialist). She is based in the HIV clinic in Leeds and emergency departments across two hospital sites in Leeds.

Lisa Walker, Specialist Nurse, Royal Cornwall Hospital

Pronouns: She/Her

Lisa Walker is a Specialist Nurse at the Marram Clinic, Royal Cornwall Hospital, where she has worked since 2019. She previously served as an Integrated Sexual Health Practitioner starting in 2011, bringing over two decades of varied nursing experience since qualifying in 2001. Lisa is passionate about equity in healthcare and providing high-quality, compassionate care to all patients. She is currently in her second year of a master's program in advanced clinical practice, continually enhancing her clinical expertise. Outside of work, Lisa balances her professional development with a busy family life, including her husband, three children, and a pampered cat!

Katie Warburton, Senior Lecturer in Children and Young People's Nursing, University of Central Lancashire

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Katie is a Senior Lecturer in Children and Young People's nursing at the University of Central Lancashire. Katie is a children and young people's nurse and have worked with children, young people and families living with or affected by HIV since 2003. Katie has worked as an Infectious Diseases Clinical Nurse Specialist for many years in two different Northwest hospitals and worked as a research nurse post on the AALPHI study covering sites across the country. Katie is currently undertaking research that focuses on children being told their HIV diagnosis. Katie has worked as a health lead for CHIVA and is currently a CHIVA trustee and steering group member and has previously been member of the NHVNA executive team. Katie has had the privilege of volunteering with CHIVA Africa numerous trips supporting services in South Africa

Amanda Whittaker, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Brotherton Wing Clinic, Leeds General Infirmary

Amanda has worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Brotherton Wing Clinic since 2015. Prior to this she work as a Sister in Sexual Health and a Sister on the regional Infectious Disease Unit at St James Hospital Leeds. Amanda is passionate about supporting her patients with regards to mental health and psychological wellbeing to promote psychological and physical wellness.

Yvonne Wilson, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Belfast Health & Social Care Trust

Yvonne has worked as nurse in the regional GUM / HIV clinic at the Royal Group Hospital in Belfast for twenty-five years. A Non-Medical Prescriber. MSc in Advanced Nursing Practice, recently commenced her new role as ANP within the service, the first within GUM / HIV in Northern Ireland.

Has a keen interest in staff development, PrEP and research. Lead in co-ordinating Long-Acting Injectable clinics and antenatal care.