



Dr Nigel Sparrow OBE, FRCP, FRCGP MedChi President 2012/13

Background and education.

Nigel Sparrow was a GP, medical educator and held several national medical leadership roles.

Born in Derby in 1955. Attended the Long Eaton Grammar School.

Educated at Bristol University qualifying with MB ChB in 1979 and a 1st class honours degree in anatomy in 1976.

Career history

Nigel was a house officer in Bristol and Leicester and did the medical senior house officer rotation at QMC in Nottingham. He then joined the Nottingham GP training scheme and became a GP in 1984. He was a partner in a practice in Sandiacre and Stapleford until 1997 when he established and developed the Newthorpe Medical Practice in Eastwood in 1997. He continued as senior partner until retiring from clinical practice in 2014. He was a trainer, appraiser and associate and deputy GP Dean at the East Midland Deanery.

He was appointed as a Visiting Professor of General Practice at Lincoln University in 2005.

Nigel was a member of RCGP Council from 2000 to 2016 and was vice chair of council from 2004 to 2007. Whilst vice chair of council he developed the RCGP partnership with the Princess Royal Trust for Carers in 2006 and continued to work with the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, now the Carers Trust to raise the profile of carers in general practice, highlighting the health needs of carers. He developed the Caring for Carers award as an annual UK award from the RCGP in partnership with the Carers Trust in 2008 and produced a Good Practice Guide for Carers which was distributed to every General Practice in England. He developed various educational programmes to raise awareness of the health needs of carers. He was appointed to the Standing Commission on Carers when it was established in 2007 and served on the commission for 7 years.

Nigel was chair of the RCGP Professional Development Board from 2007 to 2013 where he developed the college's continuing professional development (CPD) strategy for GPs and led the development of the credit system for GP CPD which became the system for recording CPD for revalidation. He served on many committees at RCGP including the education committee, postgraduate training board, patient partnership group, and awards committee. He chaired the Quality Team Development Programme and the Innovations Unit. He led the development of Practice Accreditation to improve the quality of care in general practice.

Nigel was appointed as the RCGP Medical Director for Revalidation in 2012. He worked with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges to develop the system of revalidation for doctors. He was a member of various committees at the Department of Health.

He was appointed as the National Professional Advisor at the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and then became the Senior National GP Advisor and Responsible Officer at CQC in 2013 until he retired in 2019.

He has been chair of the Target Ovarian Cancer Primary Care Advisory Board since 2014.

He was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of TEC Quality in June 2022.

Nigel is a Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and an Honorary Fellow of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare. He was also a fellow of the Academy of Medical Educators. Nigel was awarded the Foundation Council Award by the Royal College of General Practitioners in 2014.

Nigel Sparrow was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Years Honours List 2015 for services to Primary Care.

Med Chi activities

Nigel was President of the Nottingham Medico-Chirurgical Society from June 2012 to June 2013.

Med Chi Programme 2012-2013

- October 10th **Presidential address**
- November 8th **Prof Steve Field CBE** Inclusion Health: Improving the health of the poorest fastest - The NHS Must Do Better!!
- November 29th **Nick Foster and Adam Brooks** Trauma care in the East Midlands – from scene to hospital
- December 12th **Prof Dame Carol Black DBE** The role of doctors in maintaining a healthy working-age population and sustainable economy
- January 10th **Niall Dickson** Chief Executive of the GMC
- January 31st **Dame Philippa Russell DBE** Chair of the Standing Commission on Carers
- February 13th **Prof Tony Avery** Professor of Primary Care, Nottingham
- March 13th **Prof Clare Gerada MBE** Chair of Council, Royal College of General Practitioners
- April 25th **Rt Hon David Blunkett MP** Former Home Secretary
- May 15th **Prof Julia Hippisley Cox** Professor of Clinical Epidemiology, Nottingham

Reflections

The Nottingham Med Chi is an important part of the medical community in Nottingham and is one of the very few remaining opportunities for GPs and Consultants to meet together, socialise and get to know each other.

I was pleased to support the Carers Trust as my nominated charity.

There are 7 million carers in the UK and that is one in 10 people. The Carers Trust provides a network of Carers Centres to provide much needed support for those taking on a caring role.

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