

Dr Frances Rehal

I have been a governor for over twenty years.

I am a health visitor and NHS Manager by background. I had responsibility for safeguarding in North Kent Healthcare Trust.

I developed the first Sure Start programme in Kent and incorporated it as a Community Mutual, which was the first in the country. I presented the model at 10 Downing Street.

As CEO of the organisation I employed over 70 staff and developed a range of services including a day nursery, after school and holiday club, a community café, a mobile crèche, a children's centre, a youth club, an allotment project and a range of services for children and families.

I was awarded an MBE for services to children and families. I have completed by research PhD on the Sure Start Programme I developed and studied issues of power and powerlessness. I am committed to supporting children and children's services and to keeping children safe.