

# HOW CAN PATIENT INVOLVEMENT MOVE DIABETES RESEARCH FORWARD?

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2008  
NCVO Conference Suite, London



## Speaker Profiles

### **Des Johnston**

Professor Des Johnston trained in Edinburgh and Southampton where, as an MRC Training Fellow, he did his PhD with Professor George Alberti. His work at that time investigated metabolic disturbances in liver disease and metabolic aspects of endocrinology. He moved subsequently to Newcastle where he obtained a Wellcome Senior Clinical Research Fellowship, investigating metabolism in diabetes. In 1986, he was appointed to the Chair of Clinical Endocrinology at St Mary's Hospital Medical School and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, which became part of the Imperial College School of Medicine in 1996. He was appointed Dean (Clinical) of Imperial College London in 2004 and in 2006 he was appointed Campus Dean for the St Mary's Campus of Imperial College. His major interests currently are in the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes. He is investigating early, metabolic changes which are observed in people predisposed to develop type 2 diabetes, but before the onset of the disorder. The rationale of this approach is that such early changes may represent primary abnormalities which are causative. In July 2005, he was appointed Director of the UK Diabetes Research Network.

### **Eleanor Kennedy**

Dr Eleanor Kennedy graduated with a BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Glasgow and, having gained her PhD in neuropharmacology from the University of Leicester, moved to the University of California, San Diego for three years, working as a post-doc in Alzheimer's research. From there, she moved to the University of Geneva in Switzerland where she worked as a group leader with Professor Claes Wollheim for five years investigating the role of mitochondria in insulin secretion. In 1999 she received an MBA from Cranfield School of Management and between 2000 and 2004, was the Research Manager and subsequently the Research Director at Diabetes UK. Since 2005, she has successfully run her own consulting company and works as the Project Manager with the UK Diabetes Research Network facilitating the training and education, and advocacy workstreams.

### **Martin Lodemore**

Martin Lodemore has worked in diabetes and endocrine research for more than 10 years, initially as a research administrator, and more recently as the Patient & Public Liaison Officer with the UK Diabetes Research Network Coordinating Centre. Martin has previously worked as a Barristers' Clerk and as a scriptwriter, and before moving in health research was re-training the long-term unemployed for the business and administration environment.

## **Derek Stewart, OBE**

Derek C Stewart was born a number of years ago in Scotland. He was treated successfully for cancer of the larynx in 1995. A former teacher working with challenging pupils, Derek became involved in numerous aspects of patient involvement at a local, network and national levels.

As former Chair of the Consumer Liaison Group, Derek assisted with the increase in patient participation in the establishment and work of the National Cancer Research Institute. Derek is a Trustee for onCore UK, the national cancer tissue resource and Chair of the Confederation of Cancer Biobanks.

From 2001 until 2006 Derek was Chair of Gedling Primary Care Trust in Nottinghamshire. In 2005 he took up the role as Chair of Nottingham City Crime and Drugs Partnership where crime is now down by 30% and more that 300 people have received drug treatment.

Derek still works as a freelance trainer and consultant with his own business which includes work with Macmillan Cancer Voices, schools and theatre companies.

This contribution to health services in particular cancer led to being awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list 2006.

Derek lives in Nottinghamshire.