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Elaine, previously the Director of Governance and Compliance for Guildford and Waverley CCG since 2014, is currently the Director of Communications and Corporate Affairs for Surrey Heartlands CCGs with a diverse portfolio including information governance, risk and assurance, emergency planning, HR and Organisational Development (OD), communications and engagement, equality and complaints, business support and facilities management.

Her 30-year career in the NHS started in the planning department of Moorfields Eye Hospital, managing the logistics of a major redevelopment programme. She then moved to South West London (Health Authority, then Primary Care Trusts) and spent the next decade in a series of commissioning, strategy development and partnership roles, working closely with the constituent London boroughs.

In 2006, she took up a more specialist role in corporate governance for Sutton and Merton Primary Care Trust (PCT); and was then appointed in 2011 to lead a complex transition of governance, systems and processes for five statutory London PCTs, working in a Cluster configuration (as Clinical Commissioning Groups were emerging). This culminated with a stint with the Department of Health in 2013, to oversee the robust closedown of Primary Care Trusts.

Elaine has a BA (Hons) degree in English, with Psychology subsidiary from University of Nottingham and a Diploma in Health Service Management from the Institute of Health Services Management.

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