

Board Officers



Rose Wilson, Chair

Independent Board member, first elected 2005. She served as the Board Treasurer up to 2007. Elected Chair in January 2008.

Rose is Finance Director of the Gateway Housing Association. Her role covers the ICT function, Treasury Management, Risk Management. She has experience in long Term Financial Planning and as a member of the senior management team is involved in shaping the strategic direction of the Association. Rose was also interim Director of Finance at Carr-Gomm between 2003-04 where her role covered the Finance, ICT and Information Compliance functions.

Rose is a qualified chartered accountant who has been working in the housing sector for the last 7 years in senior management roles including as Head of Accounts for Richmond Fellowship, a supported Housing RSL in 2000 and Financial Controller for London and Quadrant Housing Trust in 2002.

Member of the Recovery Committee and attends the Audit Committee

Trevor Peel (Vice Chair)



Independent Board Member, first elected in 2002 and elected as Vice Chair 20th November 2008.

Trevor was formerly a Prison Governor (HMP Belmarsh), is Chair of the Independent Review Panel for Continuing Health Care of the NHS North East Strategic Health Authority, a member of the Consumer Council for Water (Northumbria), a Member of the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and is a non executive director of Heritage Care, Amber Housing and Housing Hartlepool. Trevor has previously worked in the Charter Mark Unit of the Cabinet Office, as a Director of the Royal College of Nursing and as a Mental Health Act Commissioner for England & Wales. Trevor is a Registered Nurse (General and Mental Health) and a FE Teacher.

Member of the Recovery Committee and Audit Committee

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Linda Clemett, Treasurer

Director of Finance DePaul Trust. Linda Clemett joins Depaul Trust in December 2007 as the Director of Finance. Linda has many years wide-ranging experience as a consultant and practitioner within charities (including Housing Associations and the Refugee Council), business and Government. Linda is a fully qualified CCAB accountant and has an MSc (Dist) in Charity Finance from South Bank University. Linda joins Depaul Trust directly from her post as Financial Secretary to the Government of St Helena.

Member of the Recovery Committee and Audit Committee

Other Board Members



Philip Tolchard

Independent Board member, first elected 2005

Philip has a wealth of expertise in delivering IT solutions and implementing service improvement initiatives in the financial services industry. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and former director of APACS, BACS and Link.

Philip was involved in the creation and management of an outsourcing company providing customer service and technology to the mortgage sector.

Philip's appointment to Carr-Gomm's board is his first in the charity sector.

Member of the Recovery Committee and Chair of Audit Committee

Richard Taylor

Independent Board member elected at the 2007 AGM.

Richard retired in 2007 from his job as Eastern Regional Director of the Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP). He was previously the Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, Anglia Support Partnership and Lifespan Healthcare NHS Trust.

Since 1985 Richard has led organisations that have a substantial social care and health care component and the client groups have been vulnerable people with physical, learning and psychological impairments.

Richard has a strong passion for ensuring clients' views are actively sought and heard and that staff are empowered and supported to make judgments within broad values, policy and practice to meet the highest expectations of clients and families.

Richard hopes to make a great contribution to consultations on strategy and policy on the Health and Social Care Venture that Carr-Gomm is implementing.



Chris Mansfield

A Management Consultant at Hargreaves, Risk and Strategy. Chris joined the company after a long career in the social housing sector. He has in-depth operational knowledge of the workings of RSLs as well as of the risk environment for housing associations and Care/Support businesses.

Starting as a voluntary care worker, Chris spent 11 years working for an agency providing care and support for people with mental health problems, where he was promoted to Assistant Director with responsibility for Administration and Finance.

He then moved to Metropolitan Housing Trust, where he became Group Risk Manager. During his four years in this post he was responsible for risk management, business risk assessment, health and safety, insurance and the management of governance issues. In this role, he introduced the Hargreaves methodology for the quantification and analysis of group risks and developed formal risk reporting links to Directors and Board members.

Chris is responsible for developing our membership services and for the ongoing enhancement of our *demist* database software. He also designed the risk profiling model used by the Housing Corporation as part of their risk-based regulation system, and has implemented risk management systems in a number of associations.

Chris developed his knowledge of public sector governance through six years as a member of Haringey Community Health Council, including three as Chair. This watchdog body ensured the public accountability of health authorities and NHS trusts. He is currently Vice-Chair of Governors at a local primary school.

Member of Recovery Committee, Audit Committee

Liz Rutherford

Liz is Director of Single Homeless Project. SHP offers services to meet the range of needs presented by vulnerable homeless people or those at risk of homelessness. Services include temporary and permanent housing, high support hostels and floating support services. SHP works across nine London boroughs

Liz has worked in supported housing and related sectors for 20 years. She started her career as a front-line hostel worker. She then worked as a social security trainer, moving on to be the Social Security Campaign Worker at CHAR (now part of Homeless Link). She has also worked for an RSL, managing community care and supported housing services. Liz sits on the Management Committee of



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Member of the Recovery Committee

Alastair Strathdee (Client Board member)

Elected as a client Board Member in 2009 and lives in Burton-on Trent, Staffordshire.

Alastair has worked as an Export Sales and Operations Director for a major UK supplier to the Civil Engineering industry, supplying equipment to major motorway links, bridges, water treatment works and sewage plants.

He has worked in Israel, Lebanon, Iraq, Greece and Scandinavian countries providing water treatment and humanitarian works. This has given him an understanding of the problems of and communication needs with people in many trouble spots of all sectors of many different cultures. It has expanded his knowledge of people's and individual's problems, in particular many different ethnic groups, preferences and understanding's.

Alastair actively participates in discussions on the Carr-Gomm client panel meetings which has given him a great insight into what Carr-Gomm can do for collective and individual support.

Alastair decided to run for client Board member elections because he felt it was time for him to give back what he could to Carr-Gomm, but more importantly the clients, having dealt with people of all levels in business, combined with the previous experience of communications I can call on. As a client he feels he understands where clients have been, what they have gone through, but more importantly what they have lost.

As a client Board member, Alastair wishes to ensure clients interests are a priority and hopes to support client initiatives impartially, equally without race, creed, religion or politics.

Member of the Recovery Committee

Gary Lashko, Company Secretary and Chief Executive



Gary Lashko started as Carr-Gomm's Chief Executive on 1st October 2003, after six years as Chief Executive of Providence Row Housing Association, working with street homeless people in London's East End.

This is Gary's third time working with Carr-Gomm. He started here in 1984 as a Housing Welfare Worker. Between 1988 and 1994 Gary worked for Centrepont, the housing association and charity for young homeless people, in a variety of development roles, finishing up as Director of Research & Development. He returned to Carr-Gomm as Development Director in 1994 until he moved to Providence Row. Gary has also worked for two Health Authorities and the Refugee Housing Association, he has a background in mental health services. He is chair of the Revolving Doors Agency that works to improve the lives of offenders with mental health problems, editor of the Housing Care and Support Journal, and a member of the Housing Corporation's Housing for Vulnerable People Board Advisory Group.

Attends: Recovery Committee, Audit Committee