

Picker welcomes a new Chair of the Board of Trustees

International healthcare charity Picker has appointed Professor Aileen Clarke, a leading academic, as its new Chair of Trustees.

Aileen takes over the role from today and will succeed Stuart Bell CBE. Stuart has been Chair since June 2013, having first joined as a Trustee in 2009, and will continue his association with the Charity as its new Patron.

Aileen is Professor of Public Health & Health Services Research at the University of Warwick. She originally trained as a GP after studying medicine at the University of Oxford. She spent ten years working jointly in the NHS and academia before moving fully into the academic environment. However, she has retained a strong focus on applied research within the NHS. She set up Warwick Evidence – a technology assessment team which produces appraisals of new drugs, devices and interventions for NICE and other policymakers and she is part of Warwick Screening – a group which teaches practitioners in the NHS about screening theory and delivers systematic reviews of screening tests to PHE Screening, and the National Screening Committee.

Aileen was the Chair of the Faculty of Medicine at Warwick and the President of the Society for Social Medicine until 2018. She has been involved in a large number of different research projects in health and health services and has published over 160 peer-reviewed papers.

Chris Graham said, “Stuart Bell has been an inspirational Chair of Picker and we are tremendously grateful for his leadership and work over the last ten years. Despite his many commitments as a leading NHS CEO, Stuart has been a committed advocate for Picker and I am pleased that he will be able to continue as our Patron. Similarly, I am delighted to welcome Professor Aileen Clarke as our new Chair. We have already benefited from her expertise and insight as a Trustee and look forward to working with her in her new role”.

Commenting on the appointment, Stuart Bell said, “I am delighted that Aileen has agreed to be the Chair of Picker’s Board of Trustees. With her extensive experience in health and research she is an excellent fit for the organisation. I have greatly enjoyed my time as Chair and as a Trustee over the past years and I am pleased to leave the organisation with new leadership well equipped to help it go from strength to strength”.

Aileen Clarke said, “I am honoured to have been appointed to Chair the Board of Picker and to succeed Stuart, whose time as Chair has seen the organisation make significant achievements. My aim is to help the Charity continue its development and succeed in its mission to promote person centred care for all, always.”

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Notes for Editors

- [Picker](#) is an international charity working across health and social care. We believe in high quality person centred care for all and promote this by measuring and encouraging the use of staff and patient feedback
- Chris Graham is available for media interview. To arrange your interview, or if you have any other media enquiries, please contact the Communications Manager at Picker, Emma Newton – emma.newton@pickereurope.ac.uk