



## Accreditation and Recognition panel member

**Name: Professor Steve Howard**

**Team leader**

**Job title: Independent Healthcare Consultant**

Steve is a graduate of Manchester University and began his career in hospital pharmacy in the then Central Nottinghamshire Health Authority. An early career interest in clinical pharmacy led to a fantastic and frenetic period as part of the 4-pharmacist residency service providing an out of hours service to 14 peripheral hospitals ranging from large District Generals, through to specialist orthopaedic, geriatric and secure mental health units.

Steve subsequently joined community pharmacy where he spent the bulk of his career in a number of senior executive posts, establishing and then leading professional training and development for the UK and Europe for over 10 years. Then creating and running an Internal Communication Function for the UK took his career in a different direction before he returned to pharmacy practice, by acting as Superintendent Pharmacist for Lloydspharmacy and Clinical Standards Director for McKesson UK for the last 12 years of his full time employment.

Steve moved into semi-retirement at the end of 2020 bringing to a close a 37-year full time career in pharmacy, but he continues to be busy and engaged in a number of non-executive board and advisory positions across a number of sectors.

National roles included serving on the Rebalancing Medicines Legislation and Pharmacy Regulation Programme Board, as a Member of the Board of Assessors for nine years and now as a Team Leader for the Accreditation and Recognition Panel.

Steve is a pharmacist registrant of the General Pharmaceutical Council, A Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, a Faculty Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and a Chartered Fellow of the Institute of Personnel and Development.

Steve is a Licenced NLP practitioner and a Licenced Facilitator of Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. He has published a large number of articles in the professional press to support pharmacists and support staff develop their leadership and management skills.