

## KAREN BAILEY – Profile for Exec Nomination

Born into a family that supported a disabled relative at home at a time when so many went to live in institutions, I grew up in an environment based on individual gifts and contributions. I have worked in both residential and community based services for adults with intellectual disabilities, prior to managing assessment and support services in the UK.

Since 2007 I have been involved in work to change service systems, leading work to implement self-directed support and personal budgets in Southend-on-Sea using the in-Control model, and more recently ensuring that the work of NASC was recognised and appreciated in the develop of the Ministry of Health's New Model through the National Reference And National Framework Groups.

I'm at my best when collaborating with people in supporting others to achieve things that such a short time ago might have seemed impossible.