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Having spent over 25 years at the coal face in critical care and outreach, Lesley is now Director and Lead Nurse for the North of England Critical Care Operational Delivery Network. Her previous role as Nurse Consultant in Critical Care & Clinical Lead for Outreach and Follow-up Services at City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Lesley describes as *'one of the best jobs ever'!*

Lesley believes emphatically that since their introduction, 'Critical Care Outreach' services and the introduction of 'Early Warning Scores' have made an immense and invaluable contribution to the quality and effectiveness of care for critically and acutely ill patients in hospital. Lesley was an active member of the UK 'National Early Warning Score Development and Implementation Group (NEWSDIG) and the 'NEWS Chart and Educational Programme' sub-group, and believes that this key step forward towards standardisation of patient assessment and response has the potential to significantly reduce avoidable harm in both the hospital and pre-hospital settings within the UK.

Lesley had the privilege of serving as Chair of the National Outreach Forum (NOF) between 2006 and 2010. As a continued active member of the NOF Executive Board, Lesley remains committed to providing vision, drive and facilitation to achieve the development of NOF as a recognised body representing and informing clinicians, patients and carers on all aspects of Critical Care Outreach within the United Kingdom.

Lesley has also been an active and supportive member of Critical Care Networks for many years, and believes that Critical Care Operational Delivery Networks are ideally positioned to become integral and enabling structures within the new UK NHS architecture.

Interests: African adventure, food and wine.