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Steve Stewart OBE – Careers England

Steve began his career as a Careers Adviser in Rotherham and moved to Coventry in 1982. In 1993 he was appointed Deputy Principal Careers Adviser at Coventry Careers; in 1995 he was appointed Managing Director of Quality Careers, Coventry and in 2001 he was appointed Executive Director of the Connexions Service for Coventry and Warwickshire. In 2006 he assumed responsibility for sub-regional economic development as well as careers, and was appointed Chief Executive of Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Partnership Ltd (CSWP). Steve retired from CSWP in September 2014 and together with his wife Rachael, established The Stewart Alliance. Steve is also

Executive Director of Careers England Ltd; the trade body for careers information, advice and guidance companies. Steve has held a number of positions including the Labour Leader of Rugby Borough Council, Chair of the Coventry Foyer Trust, Vice Chair of the national charity ContinYou, and Vice Chair of the Warwickshire Children's Trust. He is currently a Governor at City College, Coventry, chairing the student consultative committee. He is also Vice Chair of the Coventry and Warwickshire Place Board and a Trustee of the charity Jumping Through Hoops. In 2003 he was awarded an OBE for services to young people.



Deirdre Hughes OBE – Warwick University

Dr Deirdre Hughes OBE is a specialist in careers, employment and skills' policy, research and practice at an international, European, national and regional level. She was a Commissioner at the UK Commission for Employment & Skills (July 2011 – September 2015) and Chair of the National Careers Council in England, (May 2012 – September 2014), reporting directly to UK Ministers. Deirdre is currently a senior consultant working with Public Employment Services (PES) across Europe on peer coaching, labour market information and the use of ICT (2014-2018). She is also Chair of the new 'Core Maths Support Programme for post-16 students' in England and Chair of the

Independent Quality and Governance Board for the UK matrix quality standard.

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Nick Chambers – Education and Employers Task Force

Nick Chambers is the CEO of the Charity, Education and Employers. The charity runs Inspiring the Future and its Primary Futures and Inspiring Women campaigns programme and undertakes research into the effectiveness of employer engagement.

Prior to joining the Taskforce, Nick was Director of Education at Business in the Community. During this time he oversaw the production of a report on school governance with the University of Bath on behalf of the National Council of Education Excellence. The council, chaired by the Prime Minister considered how best to mobilise businesses and universities to work with schools and colleges, and to promote links between schools to contribute to raising standards and achieving educational excellence. Between 2000 and 2006 he was Director of Development at a leading independent school in London where he was responsible with the Governors for reviewing and articulating the school's vision as it approached its 500th anniversary and developing a strategic plan to achieve this. Nick originally studied Environmental Management and then ran his own business as well as being involved with various charities. In 1992 he obtained a PGCE and taught in an 11-16 comprehensive school and an 11-18 grammar school. In 1997 he was appointed Development Director at the state school in Lancashire where he had been teaching in - the first appointment of its kind in the UK where his responsibilities included employer engagement.



Jan Ellis – Career Development Institute

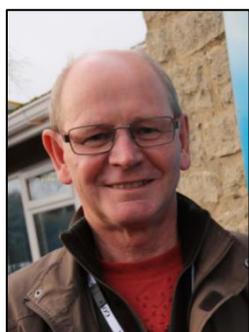
Jan has worked in the career development sector for over 30 years, both as a practitioner and senior manager. In the 1990s she led on business development for VT Careers Management group which included responsibility for marketing communications; resources; international contracts and the careers software and publishing company Lifeskills.

Innovative and business focused, she established her own company in 2009 and worked as a BD consultant for a number of organisations including the Institute of Career Guidance. In October 2013 she was appointed the CDI's first chief executive. The CDI is the UK-wide professional body for the career development sector, with a growing membership of almost 5,000, speaking with one voice on behalf of career professionals.

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Jessica Paddock – Policy Advisor , Department for Education

Jessica studied at the University of Birmingham from 2010-2015, in that time she gained a Social Policy Degree and a Law Degree. In July 2015, Jessica started as an intern in the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills where she worked in the Better Regulation Delivery Office on regulation policy. She then moved to the Careers Team in Feb 2016 to be a Policy Advisor where she works on destinations data, Informed Choice, and careers in Primary schools.



Paul Chubb MBE - Quality in Careers Consortium

With 40 years of varied experience in CEIAG, Paul has worked within Local Government, as a careers adviser in schools and within Higher Education at Newcastle Polytechnic. Between 1990 & 2005 Paul served nationally as President of the Institute of Career Guidance. In 1994 he became Chief Executive of one of the first privately owned careers companies and established the Guidance Enterprises Group.

Paul served nationally as President of the Institute of Career and in 2005 formed the www.boundarypartnership.co.uk. A founding member in 2003 of Careers England, Paul served on its Board of Directors and was then separately contracted to act as Careers England's Executive Director for

10 years. In December 2011 Paul was appointed to provide project leadership for the 'Quality in Careers Standard'. Paul continues this work to date as the Director for the Quality in Careers Standard on behalf of the Quality in Careers Consortium which owns and governs the Standard. Paul lives in Thrintoft near Northallerton, North Yorkshire and is Chair of Governors of The Dales Special School - An 'outstanding' Special School for young people aged 4-19. Paul was awarded the MBE 'for services to career education & guidance.



Deborah Parkhouse - Young Carers Service Manager, Oxfordshire County Council

Currently working as Oxfordshire Young Carers Manager for the last 9 years, Deborah is responsible for managing the Oxfordshire Young Carers Service Team that works with young carers aged 0-25 years and is responsible for implementing the Oxfordshire County Council Carers Strategy 2013-2016 across Oxfordshire through Statutory, Public and Voluntary Sector Services. Previous Experience includes: Young Carers Strategic Development Officer, Oxfordshire County Council, Paediatric nurse and Health Visitor with work background in youth work, health promotion and public health with particular focus in

vulnerable groups and supporting families.

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Verity O'Hara – Young Carers Development Worker, Oxfordshire County Council

Verity O'Hara currently role involves coordinating, developing and implementing the Oxfordshire County Council's Young Carers Schools Standards, working strategically with relevant partners such as Oxfordshire Health, AMHT and Social Care to create holistic whole family working for young carers and their families, delivering safeguarding training on young carers.

Previously Verity worked in the voluntary sector as Young Carers Project Manager and has worked with Young Carers for over 10 years.

Other previous experience includes: Inclusion Officer for disabled students at OCVC College, Inclusive Development Worker for disabled children and young adult's services and developing of services for vulnerable misusing teenage mothers.



David Glover - Senior Practitioner, Placement Services, Oxfordshire County Council

Dave started working for Oxfordshire as a residential social worker in 1983. He left to qualify, returning to residential social work in 1988 before transferring to a community based children's team and a senior educational social work post. He joined the Leaving Care Team soon after its inception and continued to work with Looked After and Leaving Care young people as a senior practitioner until September 2015. Dave now works for the Placement Services Team as senior practitioner with specific responsibility for the Young Persons Housing Pathway.



Eleanor Stone - Placement Service Manager, Oxfordshire County Council

Having worked in Connexions and the Leaving Care team, Eleanor qualified as a Social Worker in 2005. She worked as a Leaving Care Personal Advisor before taking a lead in Education, Employment and Training for young people Leaving Care. 3 years ago Eleanor moved into the role of Housing Development Manager where she worked with partners to re-commission supported housing services for young people aged 16 to 24 experiencing homelessness or who are vulnerably housed. In June 2015 she became manager of a newly merged service which brought together services managing referrals for placements in

foster care and residential settings for under 18 year old Looked After Children and the recently centralised management of referrals into the Young People's Supported Housing Pathway.