

## Biography – Dame Gill Oliver



Gill Oliver completed nurse training at the Middlesex Hospital in London, which engendered a life-long commitment to cancer services and the care and support of people affected by cancer. She held a number of clinical and managerial posts in the NHS and a national advisory post in the Royal college of Nursing, all related to cancer services.

While Director of Patient Services at the Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology Gill contributed to planning and strategy groups at local and national level and was a member of both the Department of Health Expert Advisory Group and the National Cancer Forum, contributing to the "*Policy Framework for Commissioning Cancer Services for England and Wales*", and "*The NHS Cancer Plan*".

Gill completed two terms as Chair of the RCN Cancer Nursing Society and was First Vice President of the International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care from 1996 to 2000. Gill has been an invited speaker at meetings and conferences nationally and internationally, has contributed to multi-author texts and to professional journals. She been a member of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Cancer Care, and a Trustee of the National Council for Palliative Care. She is currently a Trustee of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

Gill joined Macmillan Cancer Relief, in April 2000 in the new position of Director of Service Development and was responsible for expanding and developing Macmillan services for people affected by cancer. She continued to contribute to policy and strategy development both within Macmillan and in partnership with the Department of Health. In October 2004 Gill retired from her full time post but for two years continued to work for Macmillan Cancer Relief in a part time consultancy capacity as Advisor for Nursing and Allied Health Professionals.

Gill was elected as a Governor for Clatterbridge Centre for Oncology in the early part of 2006 and is now Senior Governor. She was elected as a member of the Foundation Trust Governors' Association in 2007. She is a member of the Steering Group for the Marie Curie National Care of the Dying Audit – Hospitals and a member of the Advisory Board for the Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute Liverpool.

Gill was appointed chair of the UK Lung Cancer Coalition in May 2007.

Gill was created DBE in June 1998 and awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Nursing later that year. In 2004 Gill was awarded the Gold Medal from Macmillan Cancer Relief. In 2006 she was awarded Honorary Fellowship of Liverpool John Moores' University.