



Liz Darlison MBE DL

Liz was appointed as a Deputy Lieutenant in May 2024. Liz is not Leicester born but is very much Leicester bred.

She has enjoyed over 40 years working at the University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) where she developed her interest in lung cancer. In response to patient need in 2004, Liz established Mesothelioma UK, a national charity for mesothelioma, a cancer caused by asbestos.



Currently she is a Consultant Nurse at UHL and is also CEO at Mesothelioma UK. Liz has Honorary university positions in both Leicester and Sheffield, is very research active, keenly promotes nursing as a career and engages in education and training on many levels.

Liz is a founder member of the International Thoracic Oncology Nurses Forum, a past chair, and now lifetime honorary member, of Lung Cancer Nursing UK, a long serving previous board member of The British Thoracic Oncology Group and a current, first nurse member of the International Mesothelioma Interest Group board.

In the 2019 Queen Elizabeth's Birthday honours list, Liz was invited to become a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in recognition of her services to patients and cancer research.

Liz is married to Stephen, they have 3 children and 3 grandsons.