

SOLA AFUAPE

Sola brings 20 years Board leadership experience from a number of NED, lay advisory and Trustee roles in health and social care and across the wider public sector. She is currently Vice Chair at both SWL & St George's Mental Health Trust and Croydon University Hospitals where she also chairs their People Committees. She is the Independent Chair for the Newham Safeguarding Adults Board, Co-Chair for Birmingham Council's BLACHIR Board (community and systems approach to addressing health inequalities) and a National Professional Advisor for the Care Quality Commission with a remit for Workforce Equality.

Sola has significant operational and management consultancy experience across national and local government alongside advisory work with organisational teams on systems working, workforce and OD, EDI, transformation and culture, leadership development and stakeholder engagement. She was the London regional service improvement lead and national EDI advisor to the NHS for the Department of Health. She also served as a member of the Lord Chancellor's Main Advisory sub-committee for London West.

She was awarded an MBE in 2013 as chair of a National charity, The Afiya Trust, for tackling inequalities for marginalised and racialised communities working in partnership with grassroots organisations.