

## NHS Blood and Transplant – Lay Member - Biography

Kathleen Preston

Kathleen Preston is a retired Scottish solicitor with extensive experience in both private practice and public service. She was formerly the litigation partner in a leading Edinburgh firm before moving to work on commercial property transactions. She later joined the Government Legal Service for Scotland advising initially on contracts and procurement, and latterly on the reform of the civil courts and tribunals systems in Scotland, and the regulation of the legal profession. In between those roles, for several years she was the main legal adviser to the Scottish Government on NHS services, the governance of the NHS in Scotland, the regulation of the health professions, and patient rights, being the lead solicitor for the Patient Rights (Scotland) Act 2011.

Kathleen chaired the NHSBT Review into the National Organ Retrieval Service.

Kathleen is currently a Board member of Healthcare Improvement Scotland.