

BU Honorary Graduate Citation - Debbie Fleming

Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor,

Debbie Fleming is one of the longest-serving Chief Executives in the NHS, and has helped to forge the strong partnership between Bournemouth University and the region’s hospital trust.

Debbie was Chief Executive of the newly merged University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust prior to her retirement in 2022. Her leadership career has tracked the ever-changing administration of the health service over two decades, which she says has given her skills in creating order out of chaos and leading people through times of uncertainty. Last year she was made an OBE for services to the NHS.

Debbie made her first appearance on the BU website in 2010. She has since been featured in numerous articles and interviews, including a feature in the BBC’s ‘The One Show’ in 2017. She has also been interviewed on radio and television, and has been a guest on the BU podcast ‘The BU Story’.