

Nick Downing, Chair



Job Title : Head of NHS services

Place of Work : Vita Health Group

Nick studied Sport and Exercise science at Birmingham University before spending a year abroad travelling the world. His career started out with 5 years working in corporate events designing, delivering, running and selling team building, experiential learning and leadership experiences as well as conference and engagement solutions, before deciding to study Physiotherapy.

Nick completed an MSc (Pre-reg) Physiotherapy course at the University of Birmingham and has since been back to complete a PG DIP in advancing practice.

Nick is married and has three amazing kids to keep him busy! In his spare time Nick likes to take on a physical challenge normally running, biking or swimming or a combination of these, preferable in the mud!

ROLE AND TASKS IN THE COMMITTEE:

Co-opted member in December 2015 to support social media. Chair from 2018.

I joined the ESPPN as I am passionate about physiotherapy and what it can offer in the healthcare setting, particularly at Advanced practitioner level. I have been involved in a number of PCT/CCG commissioned NHS services across a number of boroughs from Nottingham to Hampshire but mostly within London. New models of service delivery and commissioning, efficiency within pathway design and a broad forward looking view of physiotherapy scope and utilisation of physiotherapist's skills are of real interest for me.

I also see being a member of the APPN as a great opportunity to network and learn, and well as being a platform from which to influence the future of our profession.
