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Educated to M.A. level, my teaching career covered the entire age range of Primary & Middle (deemed Secondary) schools - last post being Deputy Head of a CE(A) Middle school. Main subject responsibilities were always Religious Education and Collective Worship - with PSHE & Literacy. My RE expertise was recognised by Norfolk LA when I was seconded by them as Primary RE adviser. I have also spent 15 years being a core tutor/ trainer for the Stapleford House (Nottingham University) RE modules, part of their distance learning B. Ed and M.A. degrees. I have always been fascinated by spirituality, and wrote a dissertation on the Spiritual Curriculum in the primary school as one part of my M.A. qualification.

For the last 24 years I have held the post of Schools' Adviser in Lichfield Diocese (206 schools). I have been a trainer for all elements of Christian distinctiveness, running courses and doing staff & governor INSET. During this time I have been a Foundation Governor on 4 governing bodies, each for a period of 3 years.

I have been involved with the writing & implementation of the Church of England inspection system from its beginnings, working at the National level. I am the Diocesan SIAMS inspection manager, trainer and critical reader for Lichfield. I was an OFSTED inspector for 12 years, SIAMS inspector for 18 years to date (62 inspections). It is a privilege & joy to come to a school for a day; listen, support, encourage and be part of the community and its on-going development - and yes - to also inspect!

In my 'spare' time I love counselling, prayer ministry, serving in my local Christian fellowship & 'Churches together'. Never so happy as by the sea! But my husband, grandchildren & children always have first place out of work hours!