

## UKBHC Board Member profiles

**Brief account of your experience to date:**

Born in Canada, Allison undertook and completed a BA in Religious Studies while working as a legal assistant. A major car accident forced Allison to leave a 20-year career as a legal assistant and study to become a chaplain. Allison undertook an extended unit of CPE for a year and then did three years study for a M.Div. in Toronto, ON. She eventually took another unit of CPE and following that, undertook a MThC at St Michael's College (known now as St Padarn's), Llandaff, Cardiff Wales flying back and forth from Canada once a quarter for three years while studying.

Allison has served for 38 years as an Anglican reader both in Canada and in the UK. She started as a chaplaincy volunteer and after completing her first unit of CPE, became a week-end on-call chaplain for five years. She spent 12.5 years as a sole long-term care chaplain serving a population of 355 residents, 90% of whom lived with dementia. In 2013 she moved to the UK and served as Deputy Lead Chaplain at Broomfield Hospital. She subsequently moved to Colchester General Hospital as Lead Chaplain in January 2016 and when Colchester and Ipswich Hospitals merged in July 2018, she was appointed Lead Chaplain. Subsequently Allison became Senior Site Chaplain at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust in February 2021. She retired from Hull University Teaching Hospitals at the end of May 2024. She still serves as Registrar for the College of Healthcare Chaplains and as an Independent Living Donor Assessor.

**Any role you fulfil on the Board:** Allison is Interim Registrar.

**What you hope to contribute to the work of UKBHC:**

I am delighted to be asked clear up the back-log of registrations and up-date the web-site. I look forward to continuing to work with the UKBHC Board processing registrations efficiently and provide accurate information on the web-site.

**Photograph:**



**Name:**

**Allison A Dean, B.A., M.Div., MThC**