

# Jacqui Fletcher OBE: an achievement for tissue viability and patient care

The *Wounds UK* team are delighted at the news that Jacqui Fletcher has been awarded an Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. As all in the world of wounds will know, Jacqui is a pioneer who has transformed approaches to wound care and pressure ulcer prevention, while tirelessly working for nurses and patients.

Jacqui has worked with *Wounds UK* for over ten years. While her heart and soul lie in nursing, she is a natural educator who always has big ideas and new ways of looking at complex issues. She is a bold leader, who always embraces the new and is the first to pick up on the latest technology. We are continually wowed by her incredible intelligence and ability to think on her feet. Jacqui brings huge, passionate energy to every project, combined with her practical can-do attitude. Her ability to communicate, inspire and translate ideas elevates every project that she chairs.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jacqui was the first to volunteer to be at the front-line of patient care. Her compassion shines through in all that she does and how she treats everyone. It's evident that she goes above and beyond for the patient. She has a heart of gold and would do anything for anyone.



Jacqui has done amazing work to raise the profile of tissue viability, through her involvement with NHS England and NHS Improvement, as well as all the many other organisations she works with. She is so deserving of this award, recognising her huge contribution to the community, within tissue viability, wound care, and the wider patient population.

We should also not neglect to mention her artistic skills (drawing on meeting room walls), and – most importantly – her stylish hats and fascinators, which we hope still to see at the *Wounds UK* conference this year, albeit online. We will be raising a virtual glass or two to celebrate this wonderful and well-deserved achievement. Huge congratulations, Jacqui!

