

## David Barker MBE MBA



**Position:** Trustee

**Term of Office Start Date:** 17/04/2018

**Appointed by:** Trustee Appointed

**Term of Office End Date:** 16/04/2022

### **Personal details:**

David is currently the Chief Executive of Springboard, a community development and training charity based in Sunderland but covering the north east region. His previous role was Chief Operating Officer (Deputy CEO) at The Percy Hedley Foundation. He has been a 'Champion' for disability for over 25 years and in 2001 he was awarded an MBE for services to the employment of disabled people.

David has written many articles on disability policy and has often appeared on radio and television to discuss these issues. He is a Board member of Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) and a Trustee of 'Difference' a small local disability group campaigning for disability equality. He has a BSc in Social Sciences and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from The Open University.

David hopes that by sharing his wealth of skills, knowledge and experience he can support the Trust and its Executives to achieve their ambitions for their students.

### **Key skill area:**

David has vast experience in senior roles in the disability and charity sectors across the north of England.

### **Trustee responsibilities:**

Member of the Standards Committee