

Hello Maryland Newsreaders,

I am Beverley Petrie, and I am an Associate Governor. I became aware of this role when my daughter and I used to attend Maryland Children's Centre, and I've been in it now for over 2 years. She is coming to the end of year 1 now.

My profession is a Speech and Language Therapist. I've had experience of working with children from the age range of pre-school up to college age, whereby my role is to identify, develop and support their SLCN (Speech, Language and Communication Needs), which also involves working together with parents, schools and other professionals. I am currently working in Youth Offending Team in Essex, which is difficult and rewarding at the same time. I am a Link governor for the Children's Centre. I attend a number of meetings supporting the Centre, where I have the opportunity to listen to, contribute and discuss current activities, future plans and new initiatives.

Being a governor gives me the opportunity to see, enquire and be a part of the strategic joint management of the school. The growth of our children, their needs and development is at the heart of Maryland's work. I bring a parent and professional perspective to the Governing Board and enjoy being part of the Maryland team.

Beverley Petrie