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Kate has over 40 years experience of working in healthcare, firstly in clinical perioperative roles, followed by management of Operating Departments in the National Health Service in UK. Kate provides advice to NHS and Independent Hospitals on change management, audit and redesign of clinical and managerial aspects of perioperative and surgical services. Her consultancy business was set up in 1998 and thrives with national and international clients. She has worked at a national level both in consultancy and voluntarily contributing to HBN Building Notes for Operating Theatres, and Sterile Services; Snapshot Review of Decontamination Services; member of NHS Estates Infection Control Reference Group; member of AAGBI working party on Pre- Assessment for Surgery and a member of the Creutzfeldt Jacob Disease Incident Panel since 2000-2012. Nationally she led the National Association of Theatre Nurses, now the Association for Perioperative Nurses 1998-2001 and internationally was the President of the International Federation of Perioperative Nursing 2002-2006. She was a temporary Advisor to WHO for the World Alliance of Patient Safety's "Safe Surgery Saves Lives" campaign. She continues to demonstrate leadership, on a voluntary basis since 2001, of a UK based healthcare charity – Friends of African Nursing which delivers education to nurses in ten African countries. Kate writes and speaks and teaches nationally and internationally on a frequent basis – also running courses for Theatre managers and Infection Prevention Nurses from across Africa at the University of Nairobi.