



Patron & Members Profiles (September 2026)

Patron	Summary of relevant experience
Professor Barry Carpenter CBE (Patron of Enable Trust)	Director of Complex Learning Difficulties and Disabilities Research Project, Associate Director (SEN) SSAT, international lecturer SEN Professor, Oxford University, Mental Health Barry is a former Special School Headteacher and has arguably the most in-depth research based knowledge and understanding of SEND education in the UK, which is why the DFE commissioned him to lead the Complex Learning Difficulties research project and why his work on engagement profiling is recommended in the Rochford report to replace P Levels. Barry will give a level of strategic oversight unequalled in the field of SEN in the UK at present.
Members	Summary of relevant experience
Professor Sara Spear	Provost and Chief Academic Officer, St Mary's University, London. Professor Spear will ensure Enable Trust is able to lead change in special education, as the Trust grows. An area of specialism is parental engagement in education of children with SEN.
Dr Alan Kellas	Paediatric Clinical Psychiatrist. Dr Kellas has expertise in supporting policy and practice in children and young people's mental health, autism and attachment disorder.
David Hussey	Executive coach and former Headteacher and Local Leader of Education of Briarwood School, a multi-site special school for children with profound, severe and complex learning difficulties. David will support the Trust through his in depth knowledge of the special school sector and a passion for advocacy for children and young people with SEND.
Philip A. Beveridge	Bank Regional Manager for over 25 years. Philip brings many years of special school finance knowledge and leadership experience as former School Business Manager then Chair of Governors at Kingsweston Special School.
Philip H. Kemp	Chartered Management Accountant. Philip is a strategic business leader with a strong understanding of risk management and a passion for talent retention and development.

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