

Dr Sarah Thornton qualified from Leeds University in 1991. She created her own ACCS programme as a junior doctor, and then discovered the joy of anaesthetics – and never looked back.

She took up her consultant post with an interest in critical care in the year 2000 at Royal Bolton Hospital – a big district general hospital in a socially deprived area.

Sarah has always enjoyed education, and took on the role of trainee rep on the Specialty Training Committee during her anaesthetic training. As soon as she was able, she took on the role of College Tutor in 2003, in between fitting in three kids. After that she was appointed higher Training Programme Director in 2007, then in 2013 Head of School of Manchester for two years, and then Head of School for Manchester and Mersey from 2015. She is passionate about trainee wellbeing and has tried hard to look after her School during the pandemic.

Outside of work, she fosters guide dogs, likes running and skiing, and loves spending time travelling with her sound-engineer husband and kids.

If not an anaesthetist she would like to have been an international geologist or a spy!