

BU Honorary Graduate Citation - Debbie Fleming

Chancellor/Pro-Chancellor,

Debbie Fleming is one of the longest-serving Chief Executives in the NHS, and has helped to forge the strong partnership between Bournemouth University and the region’s hospital trust.

Debbie was Chief Executive of the newly merged University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust prior to her retirement in 2022. Her leadership career has tracked the ever-changing administration of the health service over two decades, which she says has given her skills in creating order out of chaos and leading people through times of uncertainty. Last year she was made an OBE for services to the NHS.

Debbie made her first appearance in the *Top 100* in 2015 (ranked 5th) and was named *Top 100* in 2016 (ranked 1st), 2017 (ranked 1st), 2018 (ranked 1st), 2019 (ranked 1st), 2020 (ranked 1st), 2021 (ranked 1st) and 2022 (ranked 1st).