

## Dr Vanessa Pinfold, Trustee



Vanessa Pinfold has a Phd from the Department of Geography, University of Nottingham where she worked looking at the impact of mental health deinstitutionalisation. Since then she taken her research interest to Kings College London and the then Institute of Psychiatry, Rethink Mental illness and recently to set up a charity – the McPin Foundation ([www.mcpin.org](http://www.mcpin.org)). She has peer review publications on stigma and discrimination, carer support, co-production and wellbeing networks.

Vanessa is passionate about the importance of mental health research and chairs the Alliance of Mental Health Research Funders. MHRUK and the McPin Foundation have agreed to formalise our close working relationship by appointing Vanessa to the MHRUK Board and Clair Chilvers to the McPin Foundation Board.

Vanessa became a Trustee in 2016 and is a member of Mental Health Research UK's Scholarship Awards Committee.