

BARBARA YOUNG

BARONESS YOUNG OF OLD SCONE

Barbara Young spent the first 20 years of her career in public relations and in health services management. In November 2010, she begins an appointment as Chief Executive at Diabetes UK.

Latterly she managed a range of health districts in London. She was Chairman then President of the Institute of Health Services Management from 1986 to 1988, and A King's Fund International Fellow in 1985-86 and 1990-1991. After 20 years in health care, she switched to an environmental career and has held posts as Chief Executive of the Environment Agency and Chairman of English Nature. From 1990 to 1998, she held the post of Chief Executive of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). She is active in the conservation and environment voluntary sector. She sits on the government's Climate Change Adaptation Committee. She has also served as Vice-Chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), as a Board member of AWG plc, the water and infrastructure company.

Until December 2009, she was Chairman of the Care Quality Commission, the regulator for quality in health and social care. Barbara Young is a Life Peer in the House of Lords as Baroness Young of Old Scone, and is Chancellor of Cranfield University.

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