

Professor Cathy Jackson



Cathy Jackson is interim Pro Vice Chancellor for Academic Leadership at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan).

A medical doctor by background she undertook part of her post graduate medical training in West Cumbria and is familiar with both the delights and challenges of the area.

Cathy arrived at UCLan in 2014 to lead the development of the new medical school and several years later also became responsible for overall leadership of the schools of dentistry, pharmacy and biomedical science and veterinary medicine. Since the university restructure Cathy has been given the remit of leading on new clinical developments for the university in addition to being the university lead for the West Lakes and Burnley campus sites.

Prior to coming to UCLan, Cathy held a Chair at St Andrews University and began her academic career at Dundee University. Cathy lives in a remote and rural part of Scotland with her husband and border collie, and has for decades been active in ensuring that the provision of remote and rural healthcare is at the very highest standard that it can be. This passion is what has also led to her development of the now National Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine at the West Lakes Campus which is acknowledged as a leader in education and research in this area in the UK. Her hobbies are beekeeping, hill walking, gardening and generally trying to keep fit.