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Graham graduated from the University of Leeds in 1973 followed by doctoral research and clinical training at Birmingham University. After qualifying as a clinical psychologist he entered the NHS and worked in a number of hospital and community services across the West Midlands specialising in older mental health with a special interest in neurodegenerative disease. He is now Director of Dementia Care at Bupa Care Homes.

Prior to this appointment he was a senior consultant clinical psychologist at South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust where he was Head of Psychology Services for Older Adults and Adults with Neurodegenerative Diseases. He is an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, University of Manchester, an Honorary Tutor in the Department of Psychology and Honorary Lecturer in the Institute of Applied Social Studies at the University of Birmingham and an Honorary Lecturer in the Faculty of Health and Sciences, Staffordshire University.

Graham's expertise embraces the spectrum of dementia care from diagnostics and neuropsychology to the care of people with complex needs and the understanding and resolution of challenging behaviour. Through his teaching and writing he has been instrumental in the development of person-centred approaches to care.

He is the author of the series 'Common Problems with the Elderly Confused'; 'On Being Old: The Psychology of Later Life'; 'Challenging Behaviour in Dementia'; and most recently 'And Still The Music Plays: Stories of People with Dementia'. He co-edited 'Working with Dementia' and 'The Essential Guide to Dementia Care'. He has also written many papers and book chapters on dementia, challenging behaviour and person-centred care.

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