

DR TERRY MITCHELL DIES AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.



Terry Mitchell 1941 - 2015

Dr Terry Mitchell, a leading ME/CFS specialist in the UK, died at home on Friday 3 July 2015 after a long battle with debilitating illness.

Dr Mitchell was the Consultant clinical lead of the Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire NHS ME/CFS Service until 2008 and thereafter ran the Peterborough ME/CFS Service until his retirement in 2011.

Under sometimes difficult circumstances, he cared for thousands of patients throughout his career with great compassion and humanity. He also quietly acted as an advocate for ME sufferers in local, national and international fora.

Dr Mitchell personally endorsed and ensured distribution of the Carruthers *et al* [Criteria \(2003\)](#) and [Overview \(2005\)](#) documents to all referring clinicians in his NHS practice areas. He subsequently went on to co-author the [International Consensus Criteria \(2011\)](#) and [Clinical Primer \(2012\)](#) along with Dr Bruce Carruthers and colleagues. He was a critic of the UK's National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) clinical guideline 53 for 'CFS/ME' patients and [he supported the 2008-2009 challenge to the NICE Guideline 53 in the UK High Court](#).

Dr Mitchell was a true humanitarian. He is greatly missed by many former patients, colleagues and friends as well as by family.