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Ann Noble has over thirty years of experience in health facility planning and design. This has been gained from involvement in the DHSS Hospitals Research and Development Programmes from 1971-75 while working with Vincent & Wynn Architects, as a member of the Medical Architecture Research Unit at the Polytechnic of North London from 1976-1989, and from within her own practice, established in 1989, which undertakes both UK and overseas healthcare work. She has undertaken short-term overseas consultancies for WHO, the ODA and EEC. She is currently a member of the UK Construction Industry Council Public Sector Procurement Panel, a member of the NHS Estates Building Design Knowledge Group, Patient Environment Steering Group, and Health Care Associated Infection Working Group, and Chair of Architects for Health, a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) linked society.

Her work in the acute sector has focused on working with clients to develop service, operational, functional and building design briefs, on the preparation of development control plans for new and remodelled hospitals, on space planning of departments and the preparation of room data sheets.

As Director of the Inner London Practice Premises Unit at MARU from 1982-89 she established an advisory and facilitating service for GP premises and primary health care developments in Inner London, participating in two hundred projects with a total construction cost of over £40m. Involvement in the primary and community sector developed from this and the practice advises Health Authorities on their primary health care developments and carries out feasibility studies for developments as well as undertaking many specific projects.

Her research work has focused on the functional requirements of health buildings with the principal areas of study being acute in-patient wards, accommodation for the elderly, out-patient services and primary care facilities. Many of the findings have been incorporated in published design guidance.

Qualifications:

- B Architecture 1966 Bristol University
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