

## Biography of Nichola Rumsey OBE

Nichola is Professor Emerita of Appearance Psychology at the University of the West of England, Bristol, UK. She founded the Centre for Appearance Research at UWE in 1992 and was its Co-Director until 2017. Nichola has an international reputation for research into the psychology of visible difference, was designated 'World Leading Expert' in the field by RCS (Scotland) in 2004 and appointed Officer of the British Empire (OBE) in 2016 for services to people with disfigurement. She has attracted in excess of £7m in research funding and has published widely in the field. She was Chair of the EU funded COST Action IS1210 "Appearance Matters" (a network of researchers and practitioners from 35 European countries) from 2013-2017. Nichola has been a long-term advocate of the inclusion of psychologists in burn teams. She was a member of The National Burn Care Review Psychosocial Committee 2005-2008 and worked as a Consultant to the UK Government's Department of Health 2004-2010. Since her retirement from UWE in 2017, Nichola continues to participate in EU-funded projects and to work as a Consultant Psychologist. She is currently developing training in resilience for children and families affected by cleft and clinical aids designed to improve standards of patient care in the cosmetic and reconstructive plastic surgery sectors in Australia, Europe and the UK.

