



CLAIRE RINTOUL

CEO

How long have you been with Sheffcare?

Three years

How did you get to this job?

I've always worked in charities, I've done all sorts of volunteer roles, from neighbourhood and victim offender mediation to Trustee. My first paid proper job was a Volunteer Co-ordinator with Kent Wildlife Trust. Since then I worked for a homelessness charity in London, was Head of Volunteering for the National Autistic Society for over eight years, then Deputy CEO for Nottingham CVS. My first CEO job was with Peterborough and Fenland Mind, then I went to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice for 5 and a half years. After that I joined Relate Derby and Derbyshire as Interim CEO, but Covid hit and I ended up staying for just under two years and then I came to Sheffcare

What do you like most about the job?

I love any job that really makes a difference, which we do at Sheffcare every single day - it's inspiring hearing feedback from relatives and residents and hearing about what goes on every day in our homes and day services. I think the people who work for Sheffcare are genuinely some of the best, most dedicated, hard working and committed people I've ever worked with. I really like the team of people I get to work with every day.

What's the hardest bit of the job?

Social Care still feels very unloved, unappreciated and it's seriously underfunded. I'm amazed at what we can do with so little money.

What do you like doing outside work?

I go to the gym, do a lot of sewing, mainly making dresses. I'm a Trustee for Forbes Charitable Foundation and a volunteer mentor for a year 12 student - we do sewing together or other crafty projects and she's introduced me to bubble tea. I love travelling, either seeing new countries or in the UK with my partner Dan and our dog, Mabel.

What is something surprising about you or something that people wouldn't know?

I've done a skydive and a wingwalk - I'm scared of heights.

What's an achievement or something that you're proud of?

I've supported myself since I left home at 16. I've worked since I was 13 and done all sorts - bar work, retail, waitressing, even occasionally dressing up as a mascot. I'm proud of always working hard and proud to work at Sheffcare in a job and charity that really makes a difference, where people care passionately about the people who live in our homes.