**Dr Jenny Vaughan**

**Biography:**

Jenny Vaughan, 50, is a consultant neurologist in London. She is the Learn Not Blame campaign lead at The Doctors’  Association UK (DAUK) and became chair of the association in March 2021. DAUK is a strictly non-profit campaigning and lobbying organisation, comprised of UK doctors and medical students. It advocates for both the medical profession and patients, and campaigns for a better NHS for everyone. Dr Vaughan is also a high-profile campaigner for reforming the law on gross negligence manslaughter when applied to those working in healthcare. She articulated the unease many people felt at the conviction of the surgeon David Sellu and, as campaign chair for his appeal, was instrumental in getting his conviction overturned. Along with Sellu's legal team she is widely credited for having modernised the law in this area. She also played a major role in helping to over-turn the courts decision after a GMC Appeal to strike off Dr Hadiza Bawa-Garba and led the associated media campaign. She has published widely-read articles about medical Manslaughter, Mr David Sellu, Dr Hadiza Bawa-Garba and 'Just Culture." Dr Vaughan is also an elected councillor for the RCP council and has served as a member of the BMA medico-legal committee. She is on the council of the Medical Women’s Federation and has served on the Advisory Working Group to the national guardian for Freedom to Speak Up (FTSU).

Dr Vaughan campaigns for or a "just culture" in healthcare and works to highlight the negative effects of the blame culture. She wishes to see significant improvements to patient safety by working with patient safety organisations and has given evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee on this issue in the context of Maternity Services.

In 2018 she received the BMJ editor's award for speaking truth to power and has spoken regionally, nationally and internationally on the importance of a Just Culture in healthcare. She also campaigns for improvements in healthcare for healthcare workers from ethnic minority backgrounds which has been recognised by awards from the British International Doctor’s Association (BIDA) and the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO).

More recently, as chair of The Doctors’ Association she has helped lead campaigns to protect frontline NHS workers during the pandemic, raise awareness of the importance and impact of NHS overseas healthcare professionals, improve standards of protection with respect to personal protective equipment (PPE) and staff wellbeing and campaigned to increase transparency in healthcare in order to improve patient safety. She regularly assists individual doctors who are experiencing regulatory challenges, whistleblowing issues and bullying in the workplace.

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