## **The Honorary Graduand: Deborah Evans**

The Orator: Professor Steven West

## Dr Deborah Evans is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science.

Deborah Evans is the Managing Director of the West of England Academic Health Science Network which exists to improve the NHS ability to spread innovation and put evidence into practice and to work more effectively with industry.

Deborah was a PCT Chief Executive for 10 years during her career as an NHS manager.

She has a longstanding commitment to supporting the development of health service research, is a champion for public health and was regional lead for specialised services over many years.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Deborah Evan's significant contribution in the field of health.