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Professor the Baroness Finlay of Llandaff

Ilora Finlay is a Professor of Palliative Medicine and has worked with Marie Curie Cancer Care since 1987. She was Vice Dean in the School of Medicine, Cardiff University between August 2000 and October 2005.

Professor Finlay is the immediate past-President at the Royal Society of Medicine. She was a member of the Expert Advisory Committee on Cancers to the Chief Medical Officers of England and Wales, producing the 'Calman Hine' report in 1995. She currently chairs the implementation board for the palliative care strategy in Wales.

Since her elevation to a Peerage in 2001, she has been actively involved in debates on health issues, particularly relating to Health and Tobacco. She is a Member of the Select Committees on Science and Technology, and recently on the Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill.

She is President of the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists, MS Cymru and Patron of Shalom Hospice, Wales. She was Welsh Woman of the Year 1996-97 and has held Visiting Professorships at Gröningen University (Johanna Bijtel Chair) and the University of Melbourne.

She has published and lectured widely on palliative care, and researched into aspects of cancer palliative care. She established the internationally renowned Diploma/MSc distance learning courses in palliative care at Cardiff University, from which over 1500 senior clinicians worldwide have graduated.