



Our People

Karen Thrumble - Head of Local Authority Pension Performance Analytics

In the 27 years prior to joining PIRC Karen worked within the accounting, valuation and performance measurement divisions of WM Company which was owned variously by Bankers Trust, Deutsche Bank and, for the last decade, State Street.

Over this time Karen has had a variety of roles, usually client facing but including Head of Product Development. Karen has been variously a consultant, Head of UK Charities, Head of UK Pension Funds and, as Head of Local Authority Services was responsible for all aspects of the service to this market over the last 20 years.

As a result she has an unparalleled understanding of the structure and performance of this group. The long term perspective that she can bring has proved invaluable in an industry where memories are short and people turnover is high.

Neil Sellstrom – Client Services Manager

Prior to taking on his current role in October 2019 Neil worked for CIPFA for 10 years with a particular focus on supporting the governance and financial reporting of LGPS Funds. This included developing a number of guidance documents and organising numerous training events and conferences for LGPS Funds.

Neil has also been the lead officer for investments and governance at North Yorkshire Pension Fund and interim Head of Pensions at the Tri-Borough Funds in 2015. These roles involved managing the investment strategy and appointed investment managers to achieve the required benchmarks and providing high quality reports to Pension Committees to inform them of progress and making recommendations for change as required.

With over 16 years' experience around the LGPS Neil is ideally placed to offer insight and training to officers and Members in a variety of formats. Providing an independent perspective has helped many Funds better understand their results and hence supported their monitoring and decision making.

If you'd like to learn more about how LAPPA can help you please get in touch:

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