



## **David Lawson – Venture Manager**



David spent almost 35 years with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, formerly West Yorkshire Metropolitan Ambulance Service (WYMAS), the first 19 years on frontline ambulances with much of his time as a Paramedic. He spent 16 years in management, 5 of these as Duty officer and 4 years as Communications Manager in the ambulance control centre.

David was then appointed as Emergency Planning Officer for WYMAS responsible for the production and implementation of major incident plans and procedures, including training managers and staff in major incident response. Part of David's role was also to respond to all types of serious and major incidents and undertake any role, such as Silver Commander. His role also included participation in the safety advisory groups for all major sporting and event venues within the West Yorkshire area including pop concerts and mass gatherings.

Throughout David's career in the ambulance service he proudly achieved the Chief Ambulance Officers Association Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the Queens Ambulance Medal and the Queens Jubilee Medal.

David also worked with the Department of Health in London on the planning and provision of a response to CBRN incidents and is now a very valuable and experience member of our management team.