



Kay Davies

Independent Director

Member of the Board since 2014

Member of the Scientific Committee since 2014

Chair of the Governance, Nomination and Compensation Committee since 2024 (member since 2017)

Date of birth: 1951

Nationality: British

Gender: Female

End of term: 2026

Introduction & Professional experience

Kay Davies is Dr Lee's Professor of Anatomy Emeritus and co-Director of the Muscular Dystrophy UK Oxford Neuromuscular Centre in the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics at the University of Oxford.

Her research interests lie in the molecular analysis and development of treatment for human genetic disease, particularly, Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) and the application of genomics for the analysis of neurological disorders. She has published more than 400 papers and won numerous awards for her work. She is co-founder of several biotechnology companies as a conduit to deliver her research to the clinic. She is a founding fellow of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2003. She served as a Governor of Wellcome 2008-2017 and as Deputy Chair from 2013-2017.

Professor Davies was made Dame Commander of the British Empire for services to science in 2008. She has also been involved as independent scientific advisor on UCB's Science Advisory Board since 2012 and is a member of the UCB's Governance, Nomination and Compensation Committee ("GNCC") since 2017 serving as Chair from 2024.

Education

BA PhD, MA – University of Oxford



Main external appointments

Member of the Board of Directors of Oxford Biomedica*

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Sarepta Therapeutics*

Non-executive director of Thomas White Limited

** Listed company*