

Sophie Sidonio - Biography

Sophie Sidonio was born in Bath and spent her childhood in the City before living in a number of UK and European cities. Sophie returned to live in Bath in 2010. Sophie attended Hayesfield Girls' School before graduating with a Bachelor of Social Science in Social Anthropology from Manchester University. Sophie lives in the Walcot Ward with her 12-year-old son.

Sophie had a career in several disciplines including event management, recruitment, and the NHS, before joining the HM Revenue and Customs (HM Customs and Excise at time of joining) graduate programme in 2003. Sophie was promoted off the graduate programme to a senior management position (Grade 7) and worked within the Civil Service in HMRC and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 16 years. Her roles as a Civil Servant included Senior Project Manager of several large and complex IT and Data Projects; Senior Policy Advisor in Law Enforcement; Intelligence Manager in Border Management; and Team Leader of a Port Customs and Excise Team. As a long-standing Civil Servant Sophie has a good understanding of, and history of delivering and upholding, the Nolan Principles. Sophie retired in 2019.

Sophie has a good knowledge of BANES and a few the communities within it. In particular, for a number of years she has been actively involved, on a voluntary basis, with the BANES Carers' Centre. She has also been actively involved with several disability and support groups such as BANES Parent Carers' Voice.