

Lewis Kaplan, Chief Executive Officer, Diabetes Australia



Mr. Lewis Kaplan took up the role of Chief Executive Officer of Diabetes Australia in February 2011.

Lewis has substantial experience of 35 years in healthcare including 20 years in executive leadership roles in peak consumer and health organisations. He is a well rounded professional with leadership and management experience across a range of healthcare sectors including ageing, aged and community care, public health, health promotion, community development, overseas aid, primary health care and mother and child health. He has a proven track record in policy development and advocating to politicians and senior bureaucrats. He has played an effective leadership role in creating strong, collaborative national organisations based on a federation model.

His previous role was Executive Director of Red Cross NSW, which is the largest non-religious charity in Australia, prior to which he was Chief Executive of Alzheimer's Australia NSW and before that Executive Director of Council on the Ageing (NSW).

Lewis holds a Masters of Health Science degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health (USA), where he was a Fulbright Scholar, a BA (1st Class Hons.) in Social Anthropology from Sussex University (UK) and has undertaken the Strategic Perspectives in Non-Profit Management program at the Harvard Business School (USA). He has chaired and served on a number of government and non-government committees. He has been a visiting lecturer in gerontology, international public health and community development at a number of Australian universities.