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Sylvia is currently Operational Director: International at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust. In this role, Sylvia is responsible for the strategic development of the international arm of SSAT which includes its network of schools and contracted activities.

Sylvia's career spans the personnel, training and education arena both in the public and private sector organisations. A former Director of Human Resources and Professional Development within a public sector organisation, Sylvia began her work in the Education sector in the year 2000, working as Director of Teacher Training at a school in Leicestershire, England.

Working since then in senior leadership team positions, Sylvia has worked across a broad range of disciplines within the education sector including strategy and policy development, the provision of management and leadership training and writing extensively for a number of organisations such as Pearson's and Microsoft.