

Members of the Board of Directors



Richard Fraser

Chair

Appointed December 2016

Born in Glasgow, Richard Fraser studied civil and mechanical engineering at university. His first senior job was site manager during the construction of the landmark oil storage tanks at Stanlow, near Ellesmere Port.

He has more than 30 years' experience as a Board director at a number of large companies. He is also chair of St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals NHS Trust.



Ged Clarke

Non-Executive Director

Appointed May 2016

Ged Clarke, who was educated in Southport, is a chartered accountant, having qualified with Price Waterhouse in Liverpool. He went on to form Kinsella Clarke Chartered Accountants in Bootle.

His health background is gleaned from seven years at the Walton Centre for Neurology and Neurosurgery Foundation Trust. At the Walton Centre he was non-executive director before becoming chair of the audit committee and then vice-chairman. He played a key role in the process of that Trust obtaining foundation trust status.

He lives in Birkdale and has three grown up children. In his spare time he enjoys golf at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club.



Jim Birrell
Non-Executive Director

Appointed September 2017

Jim Birrell qualified as an accountant in local government before moving into the NHS in 1983. Following periods as the Finance Director at Alder Hey and then North West Regional Director of Finance, Jim spent 10 years as Chief Executive at Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

In the latter role he developed a keen interest and commitment to improving quality. Since retiring from Aintree in 2011, Jim has undertaken a number of management consultancy assignments, including work for NHS Improvement. He lives in Southport.



Julie Gorry
Non-Executive Director

Appointed September 2017

Julie Gorry was chief executive of Wirral Hospice for 12 years and has more than 20 years' experience as an executive director in the independent sector and the NHS.

Previously, she was North West regional representative for the National Council for Palliative Care for more than 15 years before its merger with Hospice UK in summer 2017. She was also chair of the Hospice Chief Executive Advisory Group for the North West Strategic Clinical Network for Palliative and End of Life Care.

Julie, who is a practicing nurse, is a specialist advisor for Care Quality Commission. She has a Master Arts in Strategic Human Resources and a passion for improving quality, patient safety and patient experience.



Gupreet Singh
Non-Executive Director

Appointed April 2018

Gupreet Singh is a former Trust surgeon and has more than 25 years' experience in general urology. He has been an executive member for The British Association of Urological Surgeons where he helped write the curriculum for functional and neuro-urology.

He has been the chair of the surgical speciality group for Urology for the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, leading on patient safety and training. He has an active research interest, predominately clinical, with more than 150 peer-reviewed publications.



David Bricknell
Non-Executive Director

Appointed April 2018

A solicitor by profession, David Bricknell's career has embraced the public sector in a variety of roles, including as a non-executive director at the Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

He held a number of legal and company secretarial posts including Group Legal Advisor and Company Secretary at Pilkington plc. He holds a directorship at The World of Glass, St Helens, and has a PhD in strategic decision-making.



Pauline Gibson
Designate Non-Executive Director

Appointed September 2017

Pauline Gibson is director of Staffordshire-based Excel Coaching and Consulting. She is a fellow of Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. She is an experienced board director specialising in executive coaching, strategic leadership development, transformational teams and culture change. She has spearheaded significant culture change programmes and is skilled in developing a high performing leadership cadre and driving catalytic team performance.



Silas Nicholls
Chief Executive

Appointed April 2018

Silas Nicholls was most recently on the Board of Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust where he was Group Deputy Chief Executive.

Mr Nicholls, who lives locally, is an experienced chief executive who began his NHS career as a graduate trainee. He a former Director of Operations and Performance at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Wirral, and Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Strategy at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

In 2014 he became Chief Operating Officer at University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust, Wythenshawe, becoming Chief Executive in 2016.



Steve Shanahan
Director of Finance

Appointed November 2015

Steve Shanahan was Executive Director of Finance at North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust before joining the Trust on secondment in November 2015. He was made substantive in August 2016. He had a career at Board level in the private sector before joining the NHS in 2005 when he was appointed Finance Director at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. He lives in West Lancashire.



Dr Jugnu Mahajan
Interim Medical Director

Appointed January 2018

A paediatrician by profession, Dr Jugnu Mahajan is a highly experienced medical director. She was formerly Medical Director for the Isle of Man and before that Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.



Juliette Cosgrove
Director of Nursing, Midwifery and
Therapies

Appointed May 2018

Juliette Cosgrove has more than 30 years' nursing experience, most recently as Assistant Director of Quality and Safety at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust in West Yorkshire where she led on quality, governance and improvement.

In addition, she was a member of the North East Lincolnshire NHS Clinical Commissioning Group governing body from April 2013 and was also chair of the quality committee.

Prior to this, Juliette held a number of senior nursing posts including deputy chief nurse at Leeds Teaching Hospital NHS Trust and head of nursing quality at the former Yorkshire and Humber NHS Strategic Health Authority.



Therese Patten
Chief Operating Officer

Appointed October 2016

Therese Patten joined the Board in October 2016 from Liverpool's Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in Liverpool where she was Associate Director Strategic Development and Partnership.

Therese has worked in the NHS, private health and international aid sectors. She has more than 20 years' experience in healthcare, including board positions as chief operating officer and commercial director.

Before that she worked in Liverpool, including a community trust, and for a time in the private healthcare sector. In the 1990s, she worked in Somaliland and Zimbabwe in health education and nutrition, and later for the Department for International Development in Pakistan.



Jane Royds
Associate Director of Strategic HR

Appointed June 2017

Jane Royds was previously Executive Director of Non-clinical Services at Queenscourt Hospice in Southport.

She has worked 27 years in human resources for the NHS across community, primary care and mental health organisations prior to joining the hospice.

She is a Fellow of the CIPD and has a MA in Strategic HR.