

National Information Board Membership - Biographies

Tim Kelsey – National Information Director
Chair, National Information Board

Biography

Tim Kelsey is National Director for Patients and Information in NHS England - a role which combines the functions of chief technology and information officer with responsibility for patient and public participation. He took up the post in 2012 after serving as the British government's first Executive Director of Transparency and Open Data.

He is also National Information Director for health and care in England and Chair of the National Information Board which advises the Secretary of State on national priorities for data and technology.

Tim was co-founder of Dr Foster in 2002, a company which pioneered publication of patient outcomes in healthcare. In 2007, he launched NHS Choices, the national online health information service.

Before Dr Foster, Tim was a national newspaper journalist and a television reporter.

David Behan – Chief Executive, Care Quality Commission

Biography

David Behan was awarded a CBE in 2003, and, in 2004, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law by Greenwich University.

He was previously the Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships at the Department of Health, the President of the Association of Directors of Social Services, and the first Chief Inspector of the Commission for Social Care Inspection.

From 1996 to 2003, David was Director of Social Services at London Borough of Greenwich as well as a member of the Greenwich Primary Care Trust Board and the Professional Executive Committee

Emma Rourke – Director of Intelligence, Care Quality Commission

Biography

Emma Rourke is responsible for the Commission's approach to using information in regulation including all aspects of analysis and information management. Emma is also responsible for the CQC Knowledge and Information Strategy 'An intelligence-driven CQC'.

Her career began in nursing people with learning disabilities and mental health issues before roles in NHS management across both primary and acute secondary care. Emma joined the CQC's ancestor, the Healthcare Commission in 2005 where she was responsible for the development of performance indicators against which NHS trusts were held to account as part of their annual rating. Since CQC was created, Emma has held both policy and intelligence positions, taking up her current post in August 2013.

Andy Williams – Chief Executive, Health and Social Care Information Centre

Biography

Andy Williams has extensive experience in overseeing large transformational technology projects in the UK and around the world having led teams in companies such as IBM, Alcatel-Lucent and CSC.

He has worked across a variety of industry sectors, usually being involved in programme governance, introducing complex new technology and managing change.

Ian Cumming – Chief Executive, Health Education England

Biography

Ian has held a variety of NHS senior management posts, including Operating Theatre Manager at a large teaching hospital and Assistant Chief Executive to the former North West Regional Health Authority, before spending the last 16 years in CEO roles in the NHS. When Ian was first appointed as CEO in 1995, he was the youngest ever Chief Executive in the NHS.

In 2006, after almost 12 years as the CEO of a group of teaching hospitals, Ian was appointed CEO of NHS North Lancashire, a NHS commissioning body.

From 2009 until 2011, Ian was CEO of NHS West Midlands – one of ten regional Strategic Health Authorities for the NHS in England. On taking up this role Ian also became a member of the national Management Board for the NHS in England. NHS West Midlands looked after the health needs of a population of approximately 5.5million and expended almost £10bn per annum.

Ian was previously the National Director of Quality during Transition for the NHS in England.

Steve Clarke – Director of Finance, Health Education England

Biography

Steve Clarke was Director of Finance for NHS Midlands and East and for NHS East of England since its inception in 2006. He was previously Director of Finance & Performance for Trent SHA.

Dr Janet Wisely – Chief Executive, Health Research Authority

Biography

Janet Wisely obtained a PhD in Physics from the University of London, joined the NHS in 1992 and has spent her entire working career associated with research and the NHS. Janet is an innovative leader with a track record of successful change management who, as the Director of the National Research Ethics Service, has transformed the UK ethics service into an internationally recognised system for ethical review. She has also been instrumental in delivering wider change through the provision of the Integrated Research Application System which streamlines the application processes for researchers. As Chief Executive of the Health Research Authority, Janet is leading work to further improve the environment for research to make it easier to do good quality, ethical research in the UK. Janet is an honorary fellow of the faculty of pharmaceutical medicine and in July 2013 was selected onto the inaugural HSJ Inspirational Women list.

Stephen Robinson – Corporate Secretary, Health Research Authority

Biography

Stephen's working life began in civil engineering in Saudi Arabia. After 4 years he moved back to the UK to work in advertising. His NHS career started with the Essex Ambulance Service, when marketing services to generate extra income was "*de rigueur*", and he helped take them from an organisation of about £15m to one of over £30m. He also started the NHS Direct service in Essex and developed that into a national pathfinder site. He later gained an interest in broader health service management, so moved to a Health Authority and then onto Southend PCT where he was responsible for corporate governance, strategic/business planning, information technology and performance management. He managed significant change projects including GP Practice IT implementation, N3 and staff development.

Using this experience and knowledge Stephen set up his own consultancy, which specialised in managing change and developing services in both the public and private sectors, such as various PCTs, Kent Community Health NHS Trust and CAPITA.

He has been with the Health Research Authority for 2 years and as Corporate Secretary supports the Board and the Executive Team in areas such as governance, risk management, health & safety, information governance and equality and diversity.

Stephen loves rugby (so does his son who plays for the Chelmsford 1st Team) skiing, snowboarding and motorbikes and has recently motorcycled in the Indian Himalayas

Peter Thompson – Chief Executive, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

Biography

Before joining the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), Peter worked as a civil servant for a number of Government departments, including the Ministry of Justice and the Cabinet Office. Among a variety of roles, Peter was responsible for the Government's policy on the legal recognition of transsexual people, EU justice policy and the Prime Minister's programme of constitutional renewal.

As Chief Executive, Peter is responsible for the overall performance of the HFEA. Peter believes that the HFEA should focus its work around encouraging high quality care and providing patients with the information they need to make effective choices.

Peter is also a School Governor in an inner city secondary in East London.

Nick Jones – Director of Compliance and Information

Biography

Nick joined the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority in 2010. Prior to this he worked at the Care Quality Commission and in healthcare regulation (within the Commission and its predecessor bodies) since 2002.

As Director of Compliance & Information he is accountable for ensuring that all licensed centres (IVF clinics and centres undertaking embryo research) comply with the requirements of the Human Fertility and Embryology Act. This encompasses delivery of inspections, the holding of the 'Register' and applications from people who wish to find out about their genetic inheritance, how clinics submit data to the HFEA, the investigation of incidents in clinics and more.

He leads the Authority's *Information for Quality* programme to transform the way the HFEA collects, processes and publishes information. The programme is aligned to the ambitions of the NIB framework and will ensure the assisted reproduction sector benefits from the ambitions for the rest of the system. The HFEA has just concluded a consultation with patients, clinics and other stakeholders on the programme – and with over 400 responses is well placed to transform the way clinics submit information to reduce the burden on them; to enable them to spend more time with

patients; and for the HFEA itself to put the information it holds to much greater benefit for all – all happening in 2015.

Nick strongly believes that regulation can play an important role in partnership with people who use and provide services to bring about improvements in the quality of care and patient safety: regulation as catalyst.

Alan Clamp – Chief Executive, Human Tissue Authority

Biography

Alan Clamp joined the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) in January 2011, with responsibility for all licensing and regulatory activities to promote confidence in the safe and ethical use of human tissues and organs.

Alan holds a degree in Natural Sciences, an MBA and a PhD in Clinical Biochemistry, and has considerable experience in the field of regulation as an inspector and as a senior manager. He has also managed successfully significant organisational change in national public sector organisations.

As the Chief Executive of the HTA, Alan is the Accounting Officer and is responsible for implementing the strategic plan of the organisation. This involves improving the efficiency and effectiveness of regulation, ensuring that the HTA has appropriate and productive relationships with its stakeholders, and leading and managing the skilled and dedicated workforce at the HTA. Alan is also responsible for ensuring that the HTA is governed effectively and provides good value for money.

Allan Marriott-Smith – Director of Strategy and Quality, Human Tissue Authority

Biography

Allan Marriott-Smith joined the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) in May 2009, prior to which he had worked for a number of years as a government statistician -most recently at the UK Statistics Authority.

At the HTA, Allan has corporate responsibility for the strategic and business planning process - working with the Authority to undertake its annual strategy review and ensuring that the strategy translates into effective business plans, supported by a robust performance management system. He also takes corporate responsibility for quality improvement of HTA systems and processes. In this capacity he chairs the HTA's programme board to improve organisational focus on the delivery of change projects which produce business improvements.

Allan also has operational responsibility for the living organ donation assessment team. The team evaluates reports of interviews with donors and recipients undertaken by our Independent Assessors and approves around 1200 living organ donations a year. He also has responsibility for policy development in this area, and is currently leading a fundamental review of the HTA's approach to assessing living organ donation cases to minimise regulatory burdens while continuing to provide independent protection to living organ donors.

Dr Ian Hudson – Chief Executive, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Biography

Dr Hudson is a physician who practised as a paediatrician for a number of years, before working in the pharmaceutical industry in clinical research and development between 1989 and 2001, when he joined the former Medicines Control Agency (MCA) as Director of the Licensing Division.

Before being appointed as Chief Executive, Dr Hudson was the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency's (MHRA) Licensing Director, responsible for the majority of its medicines licensing activities. He was also the UK delegate to the Committee for Human Medicinal Products (CHMP) and was its vice-chairman from October 2012 to September 2013.

Dr Janet Valentine – Director of Clinical Practice Datalink, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

Biography

Dr Janet Valentine joined the Clinical Practice Research Datalink as Director in January 2015 having been Head of Population Health and Informatics at the Medical Research Council (MRC) since 2008. During her time at the MRC, Janet was responsible for strategy development and delivery of large multi-stakeholder initiatives in ageing, population health sciences and health informatics research including the Farr Institute of Health Informatics Research.

Prior to that, Janet was the Deputy Chief Executive UK Clinical Research Collaboration (UKCRC), a body that brings together the key organisations that shape the clinical research in the UK including research funders, UK health departments, the NHS, industry, regulators and patients. Previously she worked for 3 years at the National Cancer Research Institute from its inception in 2001. Janet's scientific background is in cancer research at the Breakthrough Breast Cancer and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund

Dr David Bennett – Chief Executive, Monitor

Biography

Dr Bennett's previous roles have included working as a non-political Chief Policy Adviser to Prime Minister Tony Blair, Head of the Policy Directorate and the Strategy Unit in 10 Downing Street, independent adviser to various NHS bodies and senior partner at McKinsey & Co., where he focused on regulated, technology-intensive industries.

Neil Stutchbury – Director of Knowledge Management, Monitor

Biography

Neil Stutchbury joined Monitor in January 2010 and until October 2014, led Monitor's knowledge management strategy, its information systems and ICT services. He is currently leading the strategy and planning function within Monitor's Knowledge and Information Management directorate. Prior to joining Monitor, Neil's career spanned over twenty years in the Pharmaceutical and Biotech industries in a variety of leadership roles delivering informatics solutions to scientists.

Sir Andrew Dillon – Chief Executive, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Biography

Sir Andrew Dillon joined the NHS in 1975 and has held a number of senior management positions, including General Manager of the Royal Free Hospital and Chief Executive of St George's Healthcare NHS Trust. He joined the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence as its founding Chief Executive in 1999.

Alexia Tonnel – Director of Knowledge Management, National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Biography

Alexia Tonnel is responsible for the delivery of the NICE Evidence Services (formally NHS Evidence) and UK PharmaScan services. Alexia's team also comprises of the Information Management and Technology function which develops and maintains all NICE's digital services and the information services function which provides access to evidence resources to inform guidance development and updates.

Alexia studied business and management in France after which she completed a Master of Science in International Accounting and Finance at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Before joining NICE in 2010, Alexia was a Director with Deloitte where she advised clients in the healthcare and life science industries on policy and strategy development as well as transformation programme implementation

Ian Trenholm – Chief Executive, NHS Blood and Transplant

Biography

Ian Trenholm was Defra's Chief Operating Officer. He left Defra in June 2014.

A geology graduate of the University of London, Ian started his career as an Inspector with the Royal Hong Kong Police and then moved to Surrey Police before working in the private sector. He has an MBA from Durham University Business School.

Ian first worked in government as a project manager for a business process outsourcing company, before joining Buckinghamshire County Council as Strategic Director of Resources in 2003. Ian was appointed Chief Executive of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in 2008 before moving to Defra in 2012.

Aaron Powell – Interim Director of ICT, NHS Blood and Transplant

Biography

Aaron Powell joined NHS Blood and Transplant in January 2010 and, following a number of roles within its Organ Donation and Transplantation directorate, was appointed Interim Director of ICT in November 2014. Aaron joined NHSBT from the United Network for Organ Sharing, the organisation which manages the organ transplantation system for the United States, prior to which he held a number of programme management and software development roles in the UK and the Middle East.

He is a graduate in Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Manchester, holds an MBA in Information Technology Management from the University of Leicester and an LLM in Health Law from Nottingham Trent University.

Nick Scholte – Chief Executive, NHS Business Services Authority

Biography

Nick Scholte is responsible for managing the business of the organisation and providing leadership on strategy and development. Nick was previously Chief Executive of the Prescription Pricing Authority.

Nina Monckton – Head of Information Services, NHS Business Services Authority

Biography

Nina Monckton has spent the past seven years with the organisation as a Head of Service, previously having responsibility for Dental Services Operations.

The NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) has a wide portfolio of activity and processes very large volumes of data. Primary Care Dental and Prescriptions data are probably the most widely recognised data held by NHS BSA.

As the Head of Information Services, Nina is responsible for helping the NHS to gain value from its vast, varied and complex transactional health and financial datasets. Nina has successfully implemented projects to deliver secure information systems for use by the wider NHS and improved processes and systems to manage NHS pension administration for dentists. She has expertise in using analytics for the purposes of detecting and preventing fraud and error. Nina joined the NHS in 1996 as a Statistician for the Dental Practice Board and steered the development of analytics led probity and risk management within the then Item of Service environment.

Simon Stevens – Chief Executive, NHS England

Biography

Simon Stevens spent fifteen years working in the NHS and UK public service, and eleven years internationally. He joins NHS England from UnitedHealth Group, where as president of its global health division he has led health services in the United States, Europe, Brazil, India, China, Africa, and the Middle East. Previously he was the organisation's Medicare CEO, commissioning publicly-funded health care for millions of older Americans.

From 1997 to 2004, Simon was the Prime Minister's Health Adviser at 10 Downing Street, and policy adviser to successive Health Secretaries at the UK Department of Health. Prior to that he held a number of senior NHS roles in the North East, London and the South Coast – leading acute hospitals, mental health and community services, primary care and health commissioning. Simon joined the NHS through its Graduate Training Scheme in 1988.

Simon currently volunteers as a member of the board of directors of the Commonwealth Fund, an international health philanthropy. He has previously also served as a trustee of the Kings Fund and a director of the Nuffield Trust, as well as a local councillor for Brixton and a visiting professor at the London School of Economics. His work on health care quality, new models of technology-enabled prevention, and international health reform is regularly published in leading international medical journals.

Professor Sir Bruce Keogh – National Medical Director, NHS England

Biography

During the transition to new NHS structures, Sir Bruce Keogh has continued in his role as Medical Director of the National Health Service in England, responsible for clinical quality, policy and strategy and postgraduate education of doctors, dentists, pharmacists and clinical scientists.

Formerly, Sir Bruce had a distinguished career in surgery. He was President of the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland, Secretary-General of the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, International Director of the US Society of Thoracic

Surgeons, and President of the Cardiothoracic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. He has served as a Commissioner on the Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) and the Healthcare Commission. He was knighted for services to medicine in 2003.

Beverley Bryant – Director of Strategic Systems and Technology, NHS England

Biography

Beverley Bryant's role is to set the national direction for NHS technology and informatics and stimulate technology leadership and innovation across the NHS in England. She is the SRO for a number of NHS England commitments including Integrated Digital Care Records, NHS E-referrals, Patient Online and Electronic Prescriptions. Prior to joining NHS England, she was Managing Director of Health at Capita. She has undertaken various change, performance improvement and operational roles in big-five consulting companies, Department of Health and the NHS and her most notable achievement was the creation of NHS Choices in 2007. Her background expertise includes over 12 years of IT-enabled change in roles that include business and systems analysis and technical design authority.

Paul Rice – Head of Technology Strategy, NHS England

Biography

Paul Rice is Head of Technology Strategy for NHS England. Paul leads the team helping deliver a digitally enabled and paperless NHS. He oversees a £600m investment fund to help the NHS introduce integrated digital care records and put digital technology in the hands of nurses. He was an author of Personalised Health and Care 2020 which outlines NHS policy on digital health, information technology and data to the end of the decade - published November 2014. Paul holds a first degree in Law and Accounting and a Doctorate in medical law and bioethics.

Professor Jonathan Kay – Clinical Informatics Director, NHS England

Biography

Jonathan Kay is Clinical Informatics Director at NHS England. He is also Professor of Health Informatics at the Centre for Health Informatics, City University London and was a Consultant Chemical Pathologist at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals for 30 years. He has been Chairman of the Information Group of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and was a senior consultant to the Design Authority of the NHS National Programme for IT for England.

For many years he has been trying to derive clinical benefits by persuading computers to communicate. This has included work on data standards, autoidentification, automated transmission of laboratory reports to general practitioners, hypertext advisory systems and handheld wireless computers.

He has won six national and international awards, including the 1998 Deloitte Consulting Award for Information Management Project of the Year and a 2003 European Union Best Practice in eHealth Award for the development of the Oxford Clinical Intranet. His work on blood transfusion won the 2012 HSJ Award for "Improving Care with Technology" and the 2012 National Patient Safety Award for "Technology and IT to improve Patient Safety". In 2014 he became one of the HSJ's "100 Clinical Leaders".

He is a Board Member with responsibility for patient liaison of "Lab Tests Online UK", which tells patients about laboratory investigations.

Professor Kay enjoys human powered vehicles, driving the Caterham 7 which he built, and acting with the Oxford Theatre Guild, Holton Players and Garsington Players.

David Flory CBE – Chief Executive, NHS Trust Development Authority

Biography

David Flory is the Chief Executive of the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) which came into being in June 2012 with the purpose of delivering the Department of Health's Foundation Trust pipeline objective. The NHS TDA took on its full range of powers and responsibilities in April 2013.

David joined the Department of Health in 2007 as Director General for the NHS Finance, Performance and Operations and had previously spent time there as Interim Director of Financial Recovery in 2006. David has over 20 years board level experience in NHS bodies in the North East of England in Director of Finance and Chief Executive roles including being the first Chief Executive of NHS North East.

Iain Wallen – Director Information and Analytics, NHS Trust Development Authority

Biography

Iain Wallen is the Director of Information and Analytics of the NHS Trust Development Authority (NHS TDA) which came into being in June 2012 with the purpose of delivering the Department of Health's Foundation Trusts pipeline objective.

He joined the TDA in November 2012 from NHS South of England Strategic Health Authority where he held the position of Director of Corporate Performance. Iain has over 25 years' experience of working for NHS bodies in the South of England in a number of different roles. He started out with a background in Finance but more latterly in Performance and Information Management.

He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).

Duncan Selbie - Chief Executive, Public Health England

Biography

Duncan Selbie took up post as Chief Executive of Public Health England on 1 April 2013. From 2007 to 2012, he was Chief Executive of Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals, the regional teaching hospital for the south east of England. From 2003 to 2007, he was the Director General of Programmes and Performance for the NHS and subsequently the first Director General of Commissioning. Prior to this, he was Chief Executive of South East London Strategic Health Authority and before that South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust. He joined the NHS on 1 January 1980.

Professor John Newton – Chief Knowledge Officer, Public Health England

Biography

Professor John Newton is the Chief Knowledge Officer of Public Health England and Honorary Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Manchester since 2004. Professor Newton has twenty years of experience in public health in academic, professional services and senior management roles. As well as being an academic epidemiologist in the University of Oxford

for eleven years, he has also been Director of Research and Development in two large NHS teaching hospitals (Southampton and Oxford) and was the first Director and CEO of UK Biobank.

Lynda Thomas – Interim Chief Executive, Macmillan Cancer Support

Biography

Lynda Thomas has worked in communications for 20 years, starting in consumer PR, then moved into communications and marketing at NCH Action for Children and the NSPCC.

She joined Macmillan in 2001 as Head of Media, in a job share. Lynda developed Macmillan's campaigning arm, created its Internal Affairs team and was promoted to Board level as Director of External Affairs in 2007.

Lynda became Director of Fundraising at Macmillan in August 2011, where she heads a team of over 400 fundraisers who raised more than £187 million in 2014. She was recently voted the second most influential fundraiser in the UK.

From November 2014, Lynda has taken on the role of Chief Executive Officer (Interim) whilst a permanent Chief Executive is recruited.

Lynda is also a trustee at the Institute of Fundraising, Women's Sport & Fitness Foundation and a director on the Fundraising Standards Board

Julie Flynn - Senior Programme Manager – Routes from Diagnosis

Biography

Julie Flynn has been in the cancer sector for over 15 years, starting out in the research laboratory and moving into the third sector working for Breakthrough Breast Cancer, the National Cancer Research Institute, a secondment with the National Cancer Survivorship Initiative joining Macmillan in 2010.

As an experienced research and programme manager, she leads Macmillan's flagship Routes from Diagnosis programme supporting Macmillan and the wider health care system to better understand the cancer journey, population needs both now and in the future, and the burden of cancer on the system.

Working with national bodies, NHS partners, health care commissioners, and key influencers she is passionate about the use of cancer data to enable whole system change, health service commissioning and policy development, to improve the lives of people affected by cancer.

Una O'Brien CB – Permanent Secretary, Department of Health

Biography

Una O'Brien was appointed Permanent Secretary at the Department of Health in 2010.

She was previously the Department of Health's Director General of Policy and Strategy, and prior to that the Department's Director of Provider Reform Policy.

Una has 20 years' experience of health policy and leading and managing change in health services. In the 1980s, she helped establish London Lighthouse, a pioneering third sector provider of services for people with HIV and AIDS.

Professor Dame Sally Davies – Chief Medical Officer and Chief Scientific Advisor, Department of Health

Biography

Professor Dame Sally Davies was appointed Chief Medical Officer in 2010.

Previous career highlights include developing the National Institute for Health Research. Sally also chairs the UK Clinical Research Collaboration, and is a member of:

- the board of the Office for Strategic Co-ordination of Health Research and the Medical Research Council
- the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Advisory Committee on Health Research
- the International Advisory Committee for A*STAR, Singapore
- the Caribbean Health Research Council

In addition, Sally advises many organisations on research strategy and evaluation - including the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council.

Will Cavendish – Director General: Innovation, Growth and Technology/Informatics
Accountable Officer, Department of Health

Biography

Will Cavendish was appointed Director General of Innovation, Growth and Technology in June 2014.

He is responsible for promoting innovation and technology to bring about a major transformation in health outcomes and in health and care delivery; and supporting innovative and globally competitive health and care sectors, boosting UK jobs and growth.

Will has a PhD in Economics. He has worked for the World Bank and held a number of non-executive positions with organisations such as the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust and the Coram Children's Charity.

Jon Rouse – Director General: Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships,
Department of Health

Biography

Jon Rouse was appointed Director General, Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships in March 2013.

Before joining the department, he was Chief Executive of the London Borough of Croydon. Other previous roles include:

- Chief Executive, Housing Corporation
- Chief Executive, Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment

He has also held a wide range of non-executive positions with organisations including English Partnerships and Homelessness International, and was a non-executive director on the Department of Health's board until 2010.

Richard Douglas CB – Director General: Finance and NHS, Department of Health

Biography

Richard Douglas was appointed Director General in 2007.

Richard is the longest standing director general for finance in central government, and has been a board member at the Department of Health since 2001.

He started his career in finance with the National Audit Office, and this is his third spell with the department. Immediately prior to his return to the department in 2001, he was Finance Director for National Savings & Investments.

In 2011, Richard was appointed Head of the Government Finance Profession: he combines this role with his role at the Department of Health.

He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and is married with 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

Glen Mason – Director of People, Communities and Local Government, Department of Health

Biography

Glen Mason's policy responsibilities include Local Government policy, workforce policy, informatics, voluntary and community sector policy, leadership and the DH's sub-national presence. Glen began his career in 1986 as a social worker in Nottinghamshire. After a period in North Yorkshire, he became Head of Children's Services with Trafford MBC. He held Assistant Director posts with both Wolverhampton and Manchester before moving to become Regional Director with the Social Services Inspectorate.

Prior to joining the Department of Health Glen was Director of Social Services, Housing and Health with Wolverhampton City Council before becoming Director for Adults and Community. In this role he was responsible for, amongst other services, Adult Social Care, Adult Education, Culture and Leisure.

Glen has been an active member of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services and was Chair of the ADASS National Learning Disabilities Network.

Glen holds a Master of Business Administration and was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Wolverhampton in 2012. He enjoys running, travel, cinema, opera and walking.

Mark Davies – Director of Informatics and Digital strategy, Department of Health

Biography

Mark Davies is leading on the development of information policy and strategy in the health and care system, including sponsorship of the Health and Social Care Information Centre, the development of the legal framework to support better use of information and work to develop transparency in the health and care system. He has held a number of roles in the Department of Health, including most recently leading children and families policy and work on health inequalities and social inclusion. Before that he worked on mental health and emergency care policy, amongst other roles.

Peter Knight – Deputy Director and Head of Information Intelligence

Biography

Peter Knight is Deputy Director for Research Contracting, Information Intelligence and Stakeholder Engagement in the Research and Development Directorate at the Department of Health. Peter joined the Department in April 2010 having established the Research Capability Programme in 2008 that established a secure research data service now operated by the MHRA call the Clinical Practice Research Datalink. Prior to his these roles Peter was a Managing Director and interim Chief Executive at Winchester and Eastleigh Health NHS Trust.

Dame Fiona Caldicott DBE, MA, BM, FRCPsych, FRCP, FMedSci – National Data Guidance, Independent Information Governance Oversight Panel

Biography

Dame Fiona Caldicott is the Chair of the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust and was appointed Chair of the Independent Information Governance Oversight Panel in June 2011. Since 2012 she has led an independent review of information governance for the Secretary of State for Health producing the first report in March 2013. Its recommendations having been accepted she has since chaired the Independent Information Governance Oversight Panel.

Dame Fiona is an Honorary Consultant Psychiatrist, having been Consultant and Senior Clinical Lecturer in Psychotherapy for the South Birmingham Mental Health NHS Trust. She worked there as a Unit General Manager and as a Clinical and Medical Director in that Trust.

As President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists (1993-1996) she was also Chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (1995-1996). From 1996-1997 she chaired the Caldicott Committee on patient identifiable data for the National Health Service Executive, leading to the creation and appointment of a number of 'Caldicott Guardians' in all Providers in the NHS.

From 1996-1998, Dame Fiona chaired the working group of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics producing a report on Genetics and Mental Disorder. She was a Trustee of the Nuffield Trust from 1999-2008 and has also served as President of the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy.

Dame Fiona was Principal of Somerville College at the University of Oxford from 1996-2010 and served as a Pro-Vice Chancellor with responsibility for Personnel and Equality in the University for a number of years.

Dame Fiona is on the Council of Warwick University and of the United Nations University

Dylan Roberts – Vice Chair, Local Chief Information Officer Council

Biography

With more than 27 years' experience in the public sector under his belt, 15 as a Chief Information Officer (CIO), Dylan Roberts currently holds the position of CIO at Leeds City Council.

Dylan, who leads a team of 270 business and ICT professionals, has driven down the cost of providing the council's ICT by 40% since 2009, while its complexity and overall usage has grown.

He's also involved in leading a range of collaborative change programs at a national, regional and city level. This includes the lead for the 15 Health and Social Care Integration Pioneers, Smart Cities, City Wide Open Data as well as shared services across Yorkshire and Humber over the PSN.

Dylan is vice chair of the Local CIO Council contributing and influencing government policy and strategy and providing the conduit to local public services through the regions. His work in public sector ICT has resulted in him being voted by his peers, across all sectors, into the CIO50 most influential CIOs in the UK list, for which he achieved Number 6 for three years.

MBA-qualified Dylan - who describes himself as "a passionate Welshman - fluent in the language of the heavens" - is also a keen football fan and is on the hunt for a football team to manage after looking after an adult squad in North Wales for 10 years. He is still waiting for the call from the Football Association of Wales.

Rob Tinlin – Chief Executive, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Local Government Association

Biography

Rob Tinlin has been Chief Executive for Southend-on-Sea since March 2005. Before that he was Chief Executive of South Northamptonshire Council for 7 years.

Rob trained as a town planner, and worked as such in Scotland and England before taking up corporate roles in East Lothian before moving to South Northamptonshire.

Rob has led Southend through a programme of change, improvement and regeneration, becoming LGC Council of the Year in 2012. Rob is the Chief Executive lead on health for the East of England and Southend is a health and social care pioneer and a Big Lottery early years partnership area.

Jo Bibby – Lay Member

Biography

Jo Bibby joined the Health Foundation in November 2007. She has worked in healthcare at national and local level for the last 17 years, with a focus on quality improvement and performance. Jo has a PhD in Medical Biophysics.

At the Health Foundation, Jo is responsible for the portfolio of work to improve quality through new approaches in safety, leadership and person centred care.

Before joining the Health Foundation, Jo was most recently the Director for the Calderdale and Kirklees Integrated Service Strategy where she led a major service reconfiguration programme to deliver improvements in quality, safety and patient experience.

Jo's career has included 10 years at the Department of Health working in public spending, work force planning and health technology assessment. As Head of NHS Performance, she oversaw the implementation of the policy agenda set out in the NHS Plan.

At the NHS Modernisation Agency, Jo led an international quality improvement initiative - Pursuing Perfection - and at the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement she worked in an associate role to develop models to support mass participation in quality improvement.

In June 2013, Jo was appointed a non-executive director of Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust with a specific remit for innovation and improvement science.

Matthew Campbell-Hill – Lay Member

Biography

Matthew Campbell-Hill is a media and technology consultant who moved to Cornwall after spending several years working in the City. He is a founding director of Mentor's DEN CIC, a community interest company and management consultancy helping disabled and disadvantaged entrepreneurs, and a trustee of Cornwall Mobility, one of the largest mobility enhancing charities in Europe.

Outside of the South West Matthew regularly works alongside national organisations such as NICE and medical Royal Colleges advising on public interaction and use of emerging technologies. This has included writing for scientific journals and presenting at major international conferences.

Following a spinal injury Matthew became a wheelchair athlete competing internationally for Great Britain in the Paralympic Sport of Wheelchair Fencing, regularly captaining the GB men's team.

Through his work with organisations specialising in mental health and with the physical disabled, he continues to help ensure inclusion and best practice in the services offered for this client base.

Matthew maintains a keen interest in emerging technology and brings his own experience of using medical devices, along with those of the many disabled people he works with.

When not working, training or competing, Matthew spends time at home with his wife, son and retired greyhound Jack.

Alex Kafetz – Lay Member

Biography

Alex Kafetz is Strategy Director at ZPB, which is a team of healthcare marketing, strategy, and data specialists who help organisations grow and develop through first class analysis, great networks, concise language and beautiful design.

Alex joined from Dr Foster where he was Head of Strategic Insight. He has edited six editions of the Hospital Guide and produced two instalments of the influential Intelligent Board series. He was also a key part of the teams that conceived and launched NHS Choices and Dr Foster's pioneering Global Comparators programme.

After beginning his career in the NHS, Alex spent six years in regulation latterly at the Healthcare Commission leading on elements of the annual health check including risk based inspection targeting and presentation of information. In 2006/07 Alex was an inaugural winner of the James Mayes award and spent time working for leading US healthcare company Premier Inc.

A strong advocate of the publication of information to improve healthcare performance, Alex gave evidence to the public inquiry into Mid Staffordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Alex writes an occasional column for the HSJ and is a lay member of the National Information Board and the Waltham Forest CCG Patient Participation Board

Sam Smith – Lay Member

Biography

Sam Smith was appointed to the National Information Board on 20th October 2014 for a 2 year term.

Sam also sits on the Office of National Statistics Beyond 2011, Programme Privacy Advisory Board, and represents Med Confidential on NHS England's Care.data Advisory Group.

Dr Justin Whatling – Lay Member

Biography

Dr Justin Whatling leads population health management and clinical performance improvement for Cerner in Europe. He has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, of which 15 years have been focused on using technology and informatics to transform outcomes for patients. He is a clinician, health information and business strategist, with experience in both public and private sectors including small-medium sized enterprises.

Justin is a visiting professor in health informatics at University College London in the Centre for Health Informatics and Multiprofessional Education (CHIME), Faculty of Population Health Sciences, which is aligned to the Farr Institute focused on advanced health informatics research. Justin teaches MSc students studying health informatics and has published with UCL in the field of health related quality of life.

Justin previously sat on the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) healthcare Strategic Advisory Team awarding research grants. He subsequently completed a role on the steering committee of the EPSRC funded Health and Care Infrastructure Research and Innovation Centre (HaCIRIC), a four University collaborative (Imperial, Reading, Slough, Loughborough) delivering world class research to support better healthcare through better infrastructure. Post funding Justin has supported their strategic transition to a Think Tank organisation.

He is in his third term of office as a non-executive director of the BMJ Group supporting digitising the evidence base into care provision. In this role he has helped establish group strategy, and new capabilities for health informatics and clinical risk management.

Justin is a Fellow of BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT, the UK professional body for IT. He is chair for BCS Health and has recently re-launched their academic journal, established strategy and policy function and is currently expanding support for professionalism in the UK health IT workforce.

Prior to his role in Cerner, Justin was Clinical Director for the health sector in British Telecommunications Plc leading global strategy, business development, product portfolio as well as clinical functions. Justin led clinical business architecture for Accenture, and ran a health outcomes business on behalf of BUPA.

Justin trained at Kings College London in Medicine with distinction, and has a first class degree in Molecular Biology. He worked as a hospital physician in world-leading centres including Kings College Hospital, Hammersmith Hospital and Queens Square National Hospital of Neurology & Neurosurgery.

Annie Whelan – Lay Member

Biography

Annie Whelan works as Development Lead for MHPF- An alliance of mental health voluntary sector providers. Her work includes being a representative on the Department of Health Voluntary Sector Strategic Partnership and facilitating public consultations for the Care Quality Commission pre-inspection programme, as well as developing new initiatives for the mental health voluntary and community sector.

Annie is also a trustee for Seaview a homeless charity, and a director for SelfMotiv8. Annie spent 20 years living in the USA where initially she worked with a street homeless service in Detroit. Later she worked as Director for a crisis women's service. After moving to Ohio she worked in a role designed to support the development of service user run enterprises in two counties.

After returning to England in 2003, Annie managed mental health advocacy services in a variety of settings: community, inpatient, forensic and prison.

From 2008-2010 Annie Led the MHPF Out of Area Treatments specialist project, creating a person centred assessment and training programme for support staff.

She has also been involved with work on person centred safety planning, measures and models and has been a member of the GRiST research team since 2008.

Annie has a PGDip in mental health practice and qualifications in training and assessing. She has been involved in developing several accredited training programmes, including the Signpost UK Brokerage training programmes.

She has also been involved in the development of a number of person centred tools for different organisations including the MHM Personal Progress Plan, mcch Lifeworx and the Signpost UK Lifeplan.

Annie believes that proper employment of technology can not only enable appropriate information sharing creating consistent health and care pathways, but will also result in greater individual control.