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BIOGRAPHY of Speakers, Chairs and Co-Chairs

Sir Simon Stevens is Chief Executive Officer of the NHS. Simon was born in Birmingham, and was educated at Balliol College, Oxford University; Strathclyde University, Glasgow; and Columbia University, New York where he was Harkness Fellow at the New York City Health Department. He is an honorary fellow of The Royal College of General Practitioners and of Balliol College, Oxford and holds an honorary doctorate from The University of Birmingham.

Simon joined the NHS through its Graduate Training Scheme in 1988. He led acute hospitals, mental health and community services, primary care and health commissioning in the North East of England, London and the South Coast. He also served seven years as the Prime Minister's Health Adviser at 10 Downing Street, and as policy adviser to successive Health Secretaries at the Department of Health.

Simon also spent a decade working internationally leading health services in Europe, North America, Brazil, India, China, Africa, and the Middle East.

Simon was knighted in the 2020 New Year Honours for services to the NHS.

Andrew Murray Burnham is a British Labour Party politician who has served as Mayor of Greater Manchester since 2017. He studied English at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.



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Andy joined the Labour Party in 1984 when he was 14. He became an MP in 2001 and served in various capacity. He became health secretary in 2009 (until coalition govt came to power in 2010). After which he served as Shadow secretary of health till 2015 and later as a shadow Home Secretary. Burnham was elected to the new role of mayor of Greater Manchester on 5 May 2017.

Professor Kevin Fenton, MD, PhD, FFPH, is the Public Health England National Director for Health and Wellbeing. In this role he oversees PHE's national prevention programmes including screening for cancer and other conditions, Health Checks, national health marketing campaigns, public mental health, and a range of wellbeing programmes for infants, youth, adults and older adults. The Health and Wellbeing Directorate also leads PHE's Health Equity portfolio with a range of programmes and activities focused on addressing the social determinants of health, and promoting settings-based approaches to health improvement.

Professor Fenton was previously the director of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a position he held for seven years from November 2005. He also served as chief of CDC's National Syphilis Elimination Effort and has worked in research, epidemiology, and the prevention of HIV and other STDs since 1995. Previously he was the director of the HIV and STI Department at the United Kingdom's Health Protection Agency.



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He attended medical school in Jamaica, obtained his master's in public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and PhD in Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the University College London. He has authored or co-authored more than 250 peer-reviewed scientific articles and policy reports. He is a speaker in great demand and speaks Spanish and French.

Professor Anupam Sibal has been a paediatrician for twenty years. Prof Sibal established the division of paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology in 1997 at Apollo Hospital, Delhi. He helped set up the first successful paediatric liver transplant program in India at Apollo Delhi in 1998. The Apollo Transplant Program has been the busiest solid organ transplant program in the world since 2012.

Prof. Sibal was appointed as the Honorary Clinical Professor at Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia in May 2015. Prof. Sibal is a member of Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister's Medical Advisory Committee. He served as an Adjunct Professor of Paediatrics, School of Medicine, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia from 2009 - 2015. He served as a member of the Institute Body (IB) of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, (PGIMER) Chandigarh from 2009 - 2014.

Prof Sibal is on the Editorial Board of 3 Journals and has 95 publications. He has edited a Textbook of Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition



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Sir Michael Marmot Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health

Professor Sir Michael Marmot MBBS, MPH, PhD, FRCP, FFPHM, FMedSci. Director of the International Institute for Society and Health. MRC Research Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, University College, London.

Michael Marmot has led a research group on health inequalities for the past 30 years. He is Principal Investigator of the Whitehall Studies of British civil servants, investigating explanations for the striking inverse social gradient in morbidity and mortality. He leads the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing (ELSA) and is engaged in several international research efforts on the social determinants of health. He chairs the Department of Health Scientific Reference Group on tackling health inequalities. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution for six years and is an honorary fellow of the British Academy.

In 2000 he was knighted by Her Majesty The Queen for services to Epidemiology and understanding health inequalities. Internationally acclaimed, Professor Marmot is a Vice President of the Academia Europaea, a Foreign Associate Member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM), and the Chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health set up by the World Health Organization in 2005. He won the Balzan Prize for Epidemiology in 2004, gave the Harveian Oration in 2006 and won the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research in 2008.

Prerana Issar - Chief People Officer for the NHS Prerana Issar is the first NHS Chief People Officer. In joining the NHS, Prerana brings a wealth of expertise in leadership development and strategic talent management, as well as diversity and inclusion.



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Prior to joining the NHS Prerana was Director for Public-Private Partnerships at the United Nations and prior to that she was the Chief Human Resources Officer for the World Food Programme. During this time leading the development of the United Nation's first strategic human capital approach, as well as the reform of many key policies. Before the United Nations, Prerana worked for over 15 years at Unilever Plc, starting with them in India and then for several years was in global roles at Unilever's headquarters in London. Her last role in Unilever was Vice-President HR for the Global Foods business.

Prerana gets her strong service ethos from her parents who were both in public service in the Government of India for close to 40 years. A proud mother to a teenage son and a younger daughter she says they keep her grounded with timely performance feedback on a variety of topics. One of the happiest days of her life was when her daughter was born at the Royal Free hospital in London, giving her first-hand experience of the NHS staff who every day deliver outstanding care to patients.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan has been appointed Chief Scientist heading the division created to strengthen the organizations core Scientific Work and ensure the quality and consistency of its norms and standards. She was previously Deputy Director-General of Programmes. She is a pediatrician from India and a globally recognized researcher on Tuberculosis and HIV. She has sat on several WHO and global advisory bodies and committees.



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Dr Chaand Nagpaul CBE is a GP and senior partner in his practice in Stanmore, North London, where he has practised for 28 years. He was elected as chair of BMA council in July 2017, and has been a council member since 2008. He was chair of GPC (the GPs committee) from 2013 to 2017, having been a GPC member since 1996, and was a GPC negotiator between 2007 and 2013. He has been an LMC member for over 20 years and vice chair for the past 14. He is a fellow of the RCGP (Royal College of General Practitioners). Chaand was awarded a CBE in 2015 for his services to primary care.

Marie Gabriel CBE is the first chair of the newly created NHS Race and Health Observatory, which will be hosted by the NHS Confederation. Ms Gabriel has more than 18 years of experience on NHS boards, including in her current roles as chair of the North East London Integrated Care System and chair of Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust, and before that, chair of East London NHS Foundation Trust. In addition, Ms Gabriel holds various national NHS roles, including chair of the NHS Workforce Race Equality Standard Strategic Advisory Group, and board member of the Mental Health Network, which is part of the NHS Confederation. She is also part of the NHS Employers Policy Board and NHS People Plan Advisory Group. She was given her CBE in 2018 for services to the NHS.

Before her career in the NHS, Ms Gabriel worked for more than 20 years in senior executive roles within local government, housing and the third sector.

Her honours include Freedom of the London Borough of Newham, and the Tony



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Cheeseman Award in recognition of her contribution to equality and the communities of East London.

Dr Nivedita Gupta is a senior scientist at the Indian Council of Medical Research and has augmented the COVID-19 diagnostic capacity to 502 labs across the country, over the last three months

Dr Aseem Malhotra has worked as an Honorary Consultant Cardiologist at Lister Hospital in Stevenage and is visiting Professor of Evidence Based Medicine, Bahiana School of Medicine and Public Health, Salvador, Brazil. He is a founding member of Action on Sugar and has led work highlighting the harm caused by excess sugar consumption in the United Kingdom, particularly its role in type 2 diabetes and obesity. He has also been prominent in challenging mainstream advice on the role of saturated fat and cholesterol in the development of cardiovascular disease. Aseem is a frequent expert commentator in print and broadcast media and he has written for a number of publications including the *BMJ*, *The Guardian* and *Observer*, BBC online, *Huffington Post*, *The Daily Mirror*, *Daily Mail*, *The Daily Telegraph* and the *Washington Post*.

In 2015 he co-ordinated the Choosing Wisely campaign by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) as lead author in a *BMJ* paper to highlight the risks of overuse of medical treatments. Aseem has appeared in the *Health Service Journal's* list of top 50 BME pioneers, and has won a number of awards for his work to raise awareness of diet-related illness. He is a pioneer of the lifestyle medicine movement in the UK and has been featured in the *New York Times*. He was also



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named in the Sunday Times Debrett's list in 2016 as one of the most influential people in science and medicine in the UK. His first book co-authored with Donal O' Neill, *The Pioppi Diet*, published in 2017 and he has recently released a new book '*The 21-Day Immunity Plan*' which is already a best seller.

Prof John Ashton CBE is a prominent public health physician who has been a member and proprietor for over 20 years.

Born in Woolton, he was educated at Quarry Bank High School in Allerton, Newcastle upon Tyne Medical School and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was Regional Director of Public Health for the North West for 13 years and Director of Public Health in Cumbria for 6 years. John has served as the President of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of London, Edinburgh and Glasgow for three years and is a long-standing Consultant Adviser to the World Health Organisation Healthy Cities Programme. The author of many scientific texts and books and an experienced broadcaster, John is a professor at the University of Liverpool, Liverpool John Moores University and the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

John has been a prominent campaigner for justice for those killed in the Hillsborough Football Stadium disaster in 1989.

A member of the British humanitarian delegation to Macedonia during the Kosovo emergency in 1999, he was awarded the C.B.E for services to the NHS in the millennium honours list in 2000.



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Having recently been public health adviser to the post-Grenfell Tower disaster recovery team and the bereaved and survivors of the disaster, John is now the public health Adviser on violence prevention to the Mersey Police and Crime Commissioner, the Right Honourable Jane Kennedy .

Prof (Dr) Mahendra G Patel BPharm PhD FRPharmS Alumni Fellow NICE FHEA
Honorary Chair and Professor in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Bradford
Pharmacist and senior academic fellow with a national and international profile. He is an elected UK Board Member and Treasurer for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) for the pharmacy profession. Other roles include being Honorary Senior Lecturer Medical School University of Sheffield, and Adjunct Professor of Pharmacy Wilkes University Pennsylvania USA. He was appointed as one of the first of 10 Fellows of the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence (NICE) in 2010 and for many years has been an advisory member of various panels and committees of NICE. Mahendra's career spans community pharmacy, health education and health promotion, academia, and research. He has helped lead the way forward for the pharmacy profession UK-wide for many years. This culminated in him receiving the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's prestigious President's Charter Award 2016 for his exceptional services in advancing the profession and promoting the interests of pharmacy locally, nationally, and internationally. He is also one of only 15 National Pharmacy Research Champions for the National Institute of Health Research (UK) for supporting delivery of high quality research and enhancing evidence-based practice. Mahendra has helped pioneer student engagement in universities nationally through developing the NICE Student Champions Programme (present in medical, dental,



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nursing and pharmacy schools since 2011) as well as the RPS Pharmacy Student Champions programme now in almost all schools of pharmacy. His research interests in health and health inequalities, especially within the black and minority ethnic groups and medicines adherence, has led to work being published in the BMJ among other esteemed international journals. He has a longstanding association with the South Asian Health Foundation regionally and nationally (formerly as their CEO). He also continues to enjoy a similar relationship of many years with the British Heart Foundation and currently as a national group member of their House of Care Advisory Board. He is also heavily associated with other national charities including the Mouth Cancer Foundation as one of its Trustee and Founding Member, as well as other regional and local charities including being a Governor of large independent Grammar School Foundation for 10 years. Mahendra has reached out to the pharmacy profession internationally for a number of years, most notably in the Arab countries. In Lebanon, for example, he has been appointed International Honorary Ambassador for the Lebanese pharmacy profession. Furthermore, he has also been appointed Visiting Professor in Pharmacy at the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Penang Malaysia. Mahendra's professional career has now culminated in being appointed Honorary Chair and Professor in Pharmacy Practice at the University of Bradford UK.

Dr Prashanth Patell is a Consultant Chemical Pathologist/Metabolic Physician and Director of Clinical Management Group (CSI) at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust



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As a CMG Director in of the largest acute Trust, he is responsible for >2500 staff and operationalising all diagnostic and support services serving for 1.2 million patients.

He is also an Honorary Senior Lecturer at University of Leicester. His main research interest is non-adherence to medication and has helped to develop a unique, biochemical technique and has set up a National Centre of Adherence Testing (NCAT) which provides testing for 25 Hypertension centres in the UK as well as other countries. He has helped establish many academic collaborations nationally and internationally. His work has been referenced in the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) 2018 Hypertension guidelines and has given talks in multiple national/international conferences.

He has authored invited chapters in reputed books such as the Oxford Desktop, Nephrology and has helped set up programmes for PhD students and co-supervise them. He has published many original articles in leading journals such as Hypertension and Diabetes Care. Three original articles he co-authored (two in 'Hypertension' and one in 'Heart') were accompanied by complementary editorials. His paper in "Heart" journal was shortlisted for one of the top three publications in the journal in 2014.

As a PI/Co-PI in the last five years, he has helped to obtain income worth over a million pounds through grants, research samples and by creating a structured work experience programmes.



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His clinical interest is in Osteoporosis, Metabolic Bone Diseases, Lipid and Cardiovascular risk reduction and is lead for the Metabolic Bone Diseases at UHL. He chairs the Leicestershire Osteoporosis Group (LOG).

Professor Chris Harrison is NHS England's National Clinical Director for Cancer and he is Medical Director (Strategy) for The Christie NHS Foundation Trust in Manchester. He qualified in Medicine from Manchester and, following experience in both hospital medicine and primary care, trained in epidemiology and public health. Chris held a series of Director of Public Health Posts in Lancashire before becoming Cancer Director for the North West Region in 2000, and then Medical Director of Greater Manchester Strategic Health Authority in 2002.

He became Executive Medical Director at The Christie from 2006 until 2013 when he moved to London becoming Medical Director at Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust before returning to Manchester in March 2016.

Between 2011 and 2013 Chris was seconded part time from his role at The Christie to be Clinical Director for Cancer to NHS London.

Neil Thwaite Chief Executive, Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust. Neil started his career in the NHS in 1993 and has worked across many NHS sectors including acute care, primary care, the Cancer Network and the Strategic Health Authority. Neil is formally qualified in business and project management, attaining a Master's in Business Administration at Manchester Business School. Neil joined our Trust in 2006 and was the Executive lead for the successful Foundation



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Trust application, planning, performance, quality account, tenders and business cases and was Director of Strategy / Deputy Chief Executive prior to his appointment to the Chief Executive role. He has a great deal of experience and a strong interest in service development, business planning, contracting, performance improvement and strategy.

Dr Helena McKeown Helena is a portfolio GP who has recently moved from practicing in Wessex to sunny Dorset. She is a senior GP appraiser.

She was elected as the BMA's Representative Body chair in June 2019, having been a BMA council member since 2008, chair of the south west regional council, and chair of the BMA's community care committee. She was the regional GPC member for Wiltshire and Dorset, and GPC policy lead for education, training and workforce. She has been an LMC member for over 20 years and vice chair for a decade, and was independently appointed to the Standing Commission for Carers (2007–14) overseeing implementation of the Carers Strategy. Helena is a fellow of the RCGP and of the BMA, and in 2018 was awarded an honorary membership of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians.

Dr Sanjay Arya, MBBS (Hons & Gold Medalist), FRCP (London) is a Consultant Cardiologist at Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.



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He provides high quality, evidence based and patient focussed comprehensive cardiac service. His areas of interest are coronary artery disease, heart failure, arrhythmia, syncope and cardiac assessment for non-cardiac surgery and professional footballers.

In his role as the Executive Medical Director of WWL Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, he plays a critical role in the performance of the organisation, providing leadership to the medical workforce, focussing on delivery of clinically safe and financially sustainable high quality services within the framework of robust clinical governance. He leads on the development of the Trust's Clinical Services Strategy in collaboration with Internal and External stakeholders and has contributed towards shaping the strategic direction and vision of the Trust. His initiative led to WWL being awarded the 7 Day pilot site by Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS Medical Director. This resulted in reduction in weekend mortality.

He is a keen teacher, dedicated to teaching and training of doctors and other healthcare professionals. He is Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Central Lancashire, Edge Hill University and University of Liverpool. He is the Chairman of various committees in the Trust, Member of various Cardiology committees in the North West of England and member of the Greater Manchester and Cheshire Cardiac Network. He was the Regional Chair, North West England AQ Heart Failure group and Regional Chair, Emergency & Acute Medicine, North West Sector Greater Manchester. He has several publications and has delivered talks throughout the country. He is an active member of various cardiovascular organisations which aim to reduce the incidence and improve the management of cardiovascular disease



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Prof Anuj Kapilashrami PhD, MSc Sexual & Reproductive Health, MA Sociology

is a Professor in Global Health Policy & Equity & Director, Global Engagement & Partnerships, School of Health & Social Care, University of Essex, Colchester.

Her joint editorial on '*Is the virus racist?*' published in the BJPsych has been widely quoted.

Dr Manish Pareek is Associate Clinical Professor in infectious diseases at the University of Leicester and Honorary Consultant in infectious diseases at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, is the chief investigator of the UK-REACH study. Manish graduated from the University of Birmingham with Honours in Medicine and undertook general medical training before completing an academic specialist training programme in Infectious Diseases and General Medicine in Leicester and London (Imperial College London). The UK-REACH study (UK Research study into Ethnicity and Covid-19 outcomes in Healthcare workers) is the first UK study investigating why BAME healthcare workers could be at greater risk of Covid-19. It is one of six research projects in the UK on the topic of Covid-19 and ethnicity to receive a slice of a £4.3m grant from the government.

Ramesh Mehta OBE undertook his undergraduate medical training and postgraduate training in paediatrics at the same medical school in India before



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coming to the UK in 1981 in order to gain additional training and experience.

Following training at various levels and a stint abroad, he accepted the position of Consultant Paediatrician at Bedford Hospital in 1993. He took over as the clinical director of the department in 1996 and was responsible for modernising and expanding the clinical services. He was involved in designing the new mother and baby unit at the hospital and initiated Paediatric Rheumatology services, one of the first to be set up in a district general hospital in the country. Ramesh later joined as Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Rheumatology at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London.

Ramesh has tutored at the Cambridge Deanery, the University of Cambridge, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and has been a PLAB examiner for the GMC. He was an elected member of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health council and has worked as a Principal RCPCH examiner across a variety of regions. He was instrumental in developing a collaboration between the Indian Academy of Paediatrics and the RCPCH which opened up possibilities for Indian paediatricians to take the MRCPCH (Membership of the Royal College of Paediatric and Child Health) examination in India without having to travel to the UK. Dr. Mehta is founder president of the British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO). Set up in 1996, it is the biggest and most influential organization of international medical graduates in the UK. He is a fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK (FHEA) and is Secretary General for the Global Association of Physicians of Indian origin (GAPIO).



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Prof JS Bamrah is Chairman of British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO), a Board member of the Synergi Collaborative Centre and a trustee of two charitable organisations – LMCP charity for disadvantaged people from the South Asian community and the African and Caribbean Mental Health Services. He is Deputy Chairman of the Board of Science, BMA.

He is a senior consultant psychiatrist at the Greater Manchester Mental Health Trust, Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at several universities in India and an Honorary Reader at University of Manchester.

JS has served on two international editorial boards, two national editorial boards, and published over 50 medical publications, many as first author. He has nearly 100 publications in the tabloid press, co-authored an influential RCPsych Council report, written 3 book chapters, and edited the short story 'Taxing the Heart'. He lectures nationally and internationally on a range of topics, to lay and health audiences. He does a regular webcast lecture for UNESCO, which is transmitted across several countries. In 2020 he was appointed member of an Advisory Board member of ICMR-Centre for Innovation and Bio-Design (CIBioD) by the Govt. of India.

He is past Medical Director of Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust and past Executive Director of the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre. He has served three years as a Board member of Tameside and Glossop CCG.

He is former Director and former Council member of the BMA, and former Council member of RCPsych.

He has a number of awards including a CBE for services to mental health, diversity and the NHS.



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Professor Parag Singhal , is the National Secretary BAPIO and Executive Director of BAPIO Training Academy .

Prof Singhal after completing his postgraduate studies came to UK and after completing MRCP entered higher training in Endocrinology. During his higher training, he also completed MPhil for his ground breaking research in pathophysiology of Type 2 diabetes. His internationally quoted work on Hepatic Glucose Production paved the way for development of new agents. He also completed Post Graduate Certification in Medical Education from University of Newcastle.

After finishing his higher training, he was appointed as Consultant in Diabetes and Endocrinology in 2000, currently at UHBWFT where he has been working since then. He holds Hon Faculty appointment at Bristol University and has been recently appointed as Professor at University of South Wales and AIIMS Rishikesh. He has rich experience of 20 years as Consultant and was awarded FRCP in 2004 and prestigious Fellowship of American College of Physicians in 2016.

Received Chief Executive's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Weston Area Health Trust-2015

Chair of South West BAPIO and Hon National Secretary- He has been National Secretary for 9 years. He was appointed as Chair of Innovation forum of GAPIO, 2020 and is Visiting and Hon Professor and Member Board of Studies, AIIMS Rishikesh(India) and University of South Wales, UK.



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Dr Kailash Chand is the first Asian deputy chair of the BMA and is also, longest serving Chair of Health watch Tameside and formerly Chair of Tameside and Glossop NHS trust, after working as a GP since 1983.

He has been a BMA activist, and public health campaigner for the last two decades and has served on various BMA committees including: General Medical Council working group (2006 to 2015), General Practitioners Committee (1999 to 2009), Vice chair: Equal Opportunities Committee (2007 to 2009). Dr Chand has worked in the NHS for nearly 40 years and associated with the BMA for over 25 years and a Senior Fellow of the British Medical Association that represents over 160,000 doctors in the UK. Dr Chand was behind many key initiatives in the British Medical Association Council (BMA) gaining respect and influence to be the first Asian elected its Deputy Chair in 2012 the post he held until 2016.

He was awarded, honorary vice president of the BMA in 2018.

He chaired NHS Tameside and Glossop in 2009, aiming to ensure that the entire health economy worked together to improve the health of the local population and to reduce health inequalities. And he has an interest in promoting healthier lifestyles. Dr Chand has been regularly named as being among one of the country's top 50 most influential GPs in the annual national Pulse Power list. He was named by the HSJ BME Pioneer Leader in 2014 and 2015. He was also named in the Prestigious Public Service award, being a community hero and champion at the 2011 Fusion awards and NW GP of the Year by RCGP in 2009. Was given fellowship by RCGP in 2018.



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Dr Chand was awarded an OBE for services to the NHS and health care and for several years he was named by Pulse magazine as one of Britain's 50 best doctors for helping to shape health care.

Mr Chelliah R Selvasekar MD, FRCS, MBA is Chair of NW BAPIO

He is Director of Surgery, Consultant colorectal and Robotic surgeon, at The Christie NHS Foundation Trust . He is also Convener of Education, RCSEd and council member at the Association of Laparoscopic Surgeons of GB and Ireland

Dr. Parveen Kumar Sharma ,MBBS, MD is Consultant Psychiatrist and Associate Medical director at North West Borough's Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. He is the Honorary Secretary for BAPIO North West division . He is also the Regional advisor for Royal College of Psychiatrists North West Division. He is on the Advisory Committee of the ACOMHS group Royal College of Psychiatrists .

Professor Ged Byrne is a surgical oncologist and director of global engagement at Health Education England.

Professor Byrne is responsible for the enhancement of the NHS workforce through engagement with countries within and outside the EEA. He is a Professor of Medical Education at the UoM, an honorary Professor of Health Sciences at the University of Salford and was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy.

In his roles as director of Education and Quality for Health Education North West and director of Education and Quality for HHE North, he has led nationally for HEE on population health and prevention, patient safety and academic development.



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He has a long-standing interest in global healthcare capacity building and education, leading the development of the GuluMan healthcare link and is the founder director of the Uganda-UK Healthcare Alliance. He passionately believes that education must be globalised for all NHS staff if they are to offer a fit for purpose role in the future of healthcare in the UK. He was awarded an MBE in the Queens Birthday Honours in 2019 for global and medical education.

Dr Abrar Hussain is a Consultant Psychiatrist in Liaison Psychiatry and runs a specialist clinic for Functional Neurological Disorders in Berkshire. He is accredited in psychological therapy models - Cognitive Analytic Therapy (CAT) and Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EMDR). He is a mentor within the Thames Valley Leadership Academy.

Abrar has a keen interest in teaching and training. He has a PG Certificate in University Learning and Teaching from Imperial College London. He has designed and delivered several teaching sessions for trainees, acute and mental health staff and GPs. He is the course director of a training programme offering small group teaching and mentoring for the MRCPsych CASC examination. He has delivered national workshops for the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Dr Joydeep Grover, is the Medical Director of Medical Defense Shield (MDS) . MDS is a representative body which offers medical defense protection and employment support under a single umbrella. It is a professional service designed for the welfare of professional colleagues based in the U.K. He is a consultant Emergency Physician.

Dr Joydeep Grover is the lead for Clinical Governance and Patient Safety for the Emergency Department and was appointed as Foundation Program Director 2016.



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Dr Roshelle Ramkisson is a child and adolescent Consultant psychiatrist based in Greater Manchester, working at Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. She is also the Director of Medical Education (Interim), Core Psychiatry Training Programme Director with Health Education North West, Honorary Senior Lecturer (Teaching) at the University of Manchester and RCPsych NW Education Training Committee rep. As a NICE (National Institute of Health and Care Excellence) Fellow she is exploring the enablers and barriers of early career international medical graduates in utilising guidance in their daily practice.

As a clinical research consultant her interests are in building capacity and capability as well as exploring the evidence base of interventions for adolescent emotional disorders in low and middle income countries. Her passion is to find low cost scalable interventions to address the increasing need for services in child mental health. She is the Health Education Research Group lead for the Global Mental Health and Cultural Psychiatry Research Group.

Professor Neena Modi is Professor of Neonatal Medicine at Imperial College London and Consultant in Neonatal Medicine at Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust. Professor Neena Modi is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences. She has a national and international profile as a medical leader and clinical scientist. She heads the Neonatal Medicine Research Group at Imperial, and the Neonatal Data Analysis Unit. She has held by election, the three leading national children's research positions in the UK, President of the Neonatal Society (2012-15), President of the Academic Paediatrics Association of Great Britain and Ireland (2014-15), and



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Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health Vice-President for Science and Research (2009-15). She chaired the British Medical Journal Ethics Committee from 2010-2015 and serves currently on a number of research committees and working groups.

Professor Neena Modi is the current president of the UK Medical Women's Federation (2020-2022), and the immediate past-president of the UK Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (2015-18). Her contributions in the latter role included supporting junior doctors during a major national dispute, national reports on children's biomedical research and child health in the UK, and campaigning in relation to UK health services, environmental issues and child refugees. She led the establishment of a Child Health Research Collaboration and Children's Research Fellowship Fund.

Professor Neena Modi is an advocate for child health and well-being, and campaigner for the retention of the National Health Service as a primarily publicly funded, publicly delivered healthcare system.

Professor Dame Parveen Kumar is Professor of Medicine and Education at Barts and the London School of Medicine, Queen Mary University of London, and a Consultant in Gastroenterology and General physician. She qualified at St Bartholomew's Medical College London and trained in clinical gastroenterology under Sir Anthony Dawson and Dr Michael Clark. Her research interests are mainly in small bowel disorders (particularly coeliac disease).



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Her clinical interests are in all aspects of gastroenterology, including upper and small bowel disorders – particularly Coeliac disease and functional bowel disorders including the irritable bowel syndrome; she enjoys a clinical challenge!

She is the co-founder and co-editor of the major textbook on Medicine (Kumar and Clark' s Clinical Medicine 9th ed 2017) for students and doctors; this is read extensively in the UK and abroad. She has authored/edited several other medical books. She teaches and examines for undergraduate and post-graduate medical degrees in this country and abroad. She was president of the Royal Society of Medicine, the British Medical Association and vice President of the Royal College of Physicians. She chaired the Medicines Commission UK and was a non-executive Director of NICE at its inception. She was on the Council and later a trustee of the British Society of Gastroenterology. Currently she is on many national and also charitable committees. She was awarded CBE for her services to medicine in 2001, and DBE in 2017.

Jagtar Singh OBE, is the chair Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust.

With over 28 years' strategic leadership experience in senior public service and national roles, Jagtar brings a wealth of expertise to the NHS and the Trust, including 20 years in the Fire and Rescue Service and 12 years in Non-Executive Director roles in the NHS; working as a NED first and now as Chair. Jagtar was a NED in the East of England Ambulance Service, Luton and at Dunstable University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and has been in post as Chair of ourTrust since 2014.



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Jagtar was Acting Chief Fire Officer in Bedford and Luton Fire and Rescue Service and rose from Fire Fighter to Divisional Commander in the West Midlands Service before moving to Bedfordshire first as Deputy Chief Fire Officer and then Acting Chief Fire Officer. In 2004, he was seconded to the role of Lead Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services working for the Department for Communities and Local Government, and led on embedding Equality and Diversity in the Fire Service.

In 2003 Jagtar received both the Public Servant of the Year Award at the Asian Achievement Awards ceremony in Birmingham, and was awarded an OBE for his work on equality and diversity in the Fire Service.

Jagtar's other roles include membership of the NHS Assembly, Chair of Bedfordshire Police Audit and Risk Committee and a Member of the East and West NHSI Regional Talent Board. In the spare time left, Jagtar is often asked to work with public services on equality and diversity issues from Board Development to demystifying Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training conferences and workshops.

Jagtar is a lifelong Birmingham City football fan and as age catches up with him and he finds it hard to play cricket, he has taken to spoiling a good walk playing golf badly!

Dr Binita Kane is a Consultant Respiratory Physician at Manchester University Foundation Trust (MFT). She has an interest in airways disease, quality improvement (QI) and leadership. She is currently the lead for integrated respiratory care at MFT, the Greater Manchester COPD Health Innovation programme and the North West



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Severe Asthma Network. She has recently been appointed as an Associate Medical Director of the Manchester Local Care Organisation.

She is involved in a number of national programmes including; the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) QI Faculty, the RCP National Asthma and COPD Audit Programme (NACAP) Board, NHSE Severe Asthma CQUIN and the NHSE Long-term plan delivery workstreams.

She was a contributor to the BB1 Documentary 'My Family Partition and Me' which aired in 2017 for the 70th Anniversary of the Partition of India. She has since gone on to found 'South Asian Heritage Month' which launched for the first time in the UK on the 18th July 2020.

Dr Raj Kumar is the Clinical Director and Responsible Officer ;NHS Digital. Raj is a General Practitioner from Cheshire and a Primary Care Medical Director. Raj's early pioneering work on electronic booking progressed to a role as Clinical Lead/Clinical Director for NHS Connecting For Health, overseeing the development of the Choose and Book programme (now e-Referral Service).

He also held the role of Deputy Medical Director for World Class Commissioning, and featured in the Health Service Journal NHS Top 50 BME Pioneers list.

Within NHS Digital, as Clinical Director, Raj is part of the Clinical leadership team and is the Responsible Officer overseeing the governance of all doctors as well as the continuing professional development of the Clinical Informatics Professional Group.



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