

## Experienced GP joins Trust Board



*Dr David Buckle, associate non-executive director*

**Stevenage, UK – 16 October 2018** – GP Dr David Buckle has joined the Trust as an associate non-executive director.

A GP in Woodley, Berkshire for over 30 years, David also has had a long career in clinical leadership and, subsequently, medical management. In 2015, he was appointed as the medical director for the Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group before retiring in early 2018; he is also a non-executive director of Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. David has been a member of the Society for the Assistance of Medical Families for over three decades, becoming a director of this charity in 2017 before being voted its President in May 2018. He is also a trustee for the Stroke Association, the country's largest stroke charity.

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Commenting on David's appointment, the Trust's chair, Ellen Schroder, said:

"I am delighted that David is joining the Trust Board as an associate non-executive director following successful interview. He brings with him a wealth of experience, not just as a GP but also from his many roles including clinical leadership, medicines management and commissioning. We're pleased to welcome David to the Board, where his contributions will be much valued as we look to transform our services to make them better for our patients."

On learning of his appointment, David commented:

"For many years I have believed that patients would benefit if clinicians were more engaged in the management of the NHS. They are the people who translate the NHS vision into reality. For that reason I am delighted to have been appointed to the Board and I hope my experience as a GP, commissioner and clinical chair will give the Board a stronger clinical focus. I look forward to meeting patients and staff and in particular learning from clinicians about the care we provide for patients."

Non-executive appointments to NHS trusts made by NHS Improvement are subject to the [Code of Practice](#) of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. David Buckle takes up his role of associate non-executive director with the Trust from 17 September 2018; he is entitled to receive a remuneration of £6,157 per annum. David has no declared political activity in the last five years.

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### **The East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust**

The Trust provides a wide range of acute and tertiary care services from four hospitals, namely the: Lister in Stevenage; New QEII in Welwyn Garden City; Hertford County in Hertford; and the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood, Middlesex

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