

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

<b>Subject:</b>	Update from Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam University
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<b>Status<sup>1</sup></b>	N

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:**

To provide the Board of Directors with an update on activities within the Sheffield University and Sheffield Hallam University

**KEY POINTS:**

The update covers the following topics:

- Sheffield University
  - New Appointments
  - Application for additional undergraduate medical student places
  - Yorkshire Cancer Research Senior Fellowships
  - Major progress on fundraising for the new MRI-PET Scanner
  - Awards
  - Sir Arthur Hall Memorial Lecture
- Sheffield Hallam University
  - Senior Faculty Roles
  - Health and Social Care Research Centre
  - Student Recruitment Pre-registration Courses
  - Advanced Clinical Practice
  - Degree and higher apprenticeships
  - Interprofessional and Integrated Care
  - Appointments

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

The Board of Directors is asked to note the content of the update.

**IMPLICATIONS<sup>2</sup>**

AIM OF THE STHFT CORPORATE STRATEGY 2012-2017		TICK AS APPROPRIATE
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	
5	Deliver Excellent Research, Education & Innovation	x

**APPROVAL PROCESS**

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Board of Directors		

<sup>1</sup> Status: A = Approval  
 A\* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval  
 D = Debate  
 N = Note

<sup>2</sup> Against the five aims of the STHFT Corporate Strategy 2012-2017

# **UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD: UPDATE FOR THE STH BOARD**

**DECEMBER 2017**

## **PROFESSOR CHRIS NEWMAN**

### **1. New Provost and Deputy Vice Chancellor (DVC)**

Professor Gill Valentine, who has been the interim DVC since September, has been confirmed to the role of Provost and Deputy Vice Chancellor. Previously Head of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Gill has held senior academic and leadership roles at the Universities of Leeds, Reading and Manchester as well as Sheffield.

### **2. Prestigious national appointment for Professor Chris Deery**

Professor Chris Deery, Dean of the School of Clinical Dentistry has been appointed to the prestigious and influential position of Chair of the Dental School Council. He will take on the new role in addition to his teaching responsibilities and honorary consultant in Paediatric Dentistry at Charles Clifford Dental Services.

The Dental Schools Council represents all of the dental schools across the UK and Ireland. Their mission is to produce world-class graduates, innovative research, and to improve the health of the nation through the profession of dentistry.

He is also currently Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry and chair of the Consultants in Paediatric Dentistry Group.

### **3. Dean of the Medical School**

Professor Chris Newman has been appointed as the Dean of the Medical School to work alongside our Dean for Medical Education Professor Deborah Murdoch-Eaton. Prof Newman will also continue in his role as Deputy Vice President for the Faculty. The Dean position involves a modification of existing duties, to allow the senior team within the Faculty to devote more time to important strategic issues in Learning and Teaching and Research.

### **4. Application for additional undergraduate medical student places**

The University of Sheffield Medical School successfully submitted an application for 50 additional undergraduate medical student places per year, which would increase home student numbers to 288, to HEFCE on 22 November. The application was supported by STH and more than 15 other partner organisations across the region. The outcome is expected in March 2018.

### **5. Yorkshire Cancer Research Senior Fellowships**

Following interviews in July, three new YCR Senior fellows will take up their positions over the next few months:

- Dr Catriona Mayland, currently a consultant in palliative care medicine in Liverpool, will join us in February 2018. Catriona has a particular interest in the care of patients with head and neck cancer but her work has relevance to all patients receiving palliative care.
- Dr Robin Young, currently consultant medical oncologist at Weston Park Hospital, will begin his research fellowship at the end of January 2018. Robin's fellowship work will focus on aspects of lung cancer.
- Dr Nick Latimer, currently a senior research fellow in health economics in our School of Health and Related Research, takes up his fellowship in the New Year. Nick is an authority in the analysis of oncology clinical trials where treatment switching can have a major impact on the outcome.

## **6. Major progress on fundraising for the new MRI-PET scanner**

Though launched less than 12 months ago, the Sheffield Scanner campaign is already more than half way towards reaching its target of £2m. The ground-breaking medical imaging facility will help researchers tackle some of the most devastating diseases facing society today including motor neurone disease, Parkinson's and stroke. The high-tech scanner will provide unprecedented views by combining the power of both MRI and PET in a single scan. The Sheffield Scanner will be located at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, offering direct access to patients, doctors and researchers. There are currently only seven MRI-PET scanners in the UK. This will be the first of its kind in Yorkshire and a vital investment in the health of people in the region, across the UK and beyond.

## **7. Prestigious awards**

1. Dr Roger Thompson from the Medical School Department of Infection Immunity and Cardiovascular Disease (IICD) has been awarded a BHF Intermediate 5 year Clinical Fellowship to study DNA damage transducing molecules as potential treatment targets for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

Dr Thompson is currently a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford University under the tutelage of Professor Marlene Rabinovitch, a renowned world expert in PAH.

This award builds on the excellent reputation in Sheffield for research into PAH and adds to the critical mass of investigators and external income generated to date. It also supports cardiopulmonary disease being a potential sub-theme in a future NIHR BRC.

2. The University of Sheffield and Sheffield CCG will be leading a major NIHR-funded trial of an extended-role GP intervention for patients with persistent (medically unexplained) physical symptoms. Symptom disorders, such as fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and functional gastrointestinal disorders account for between 30 and 50% of outpatient referrals and cross all specialties. Professor Burton, who was appointed to the Academic Unit of Primary Medical Care in January 2017, has expertise in this field and is keen to establish service and research collaborations with colleagues in STH.
3. Professor Oliver Bandmann of the Department of Neuroscience, Honorary Consultant Neurologist, has secured a £600k award from the MRC to study mechanistic roles of susceptibility genes for Parkinson's Disease, plus nearly £500k of charitable/industry funding for a proof of concept clinical trial of ursodeoxycholic acid in Parkinson's disease.

## **8. Internal promotions to personal chair (with effect from 1.1.2018)**

It is a pleasure to report that the following colleagues have been promoted to Professor in the recently completed internal promotions round:

- Dr Tracey Moore, Head of the Department of Nursing & Midwifery
- Dr Tim Chico, Reader in Cardiovascular Medicine and Honorary Consultant Cardiologist
- Dr Nigel Hoggard, Senior Lecturer in Radiology and Honorary Consultant Neuroradiologist
- Dr Zoe Marshman, Reader in Public Dental Health

## **9. Date for the diary**

Professor Chris Whitty, Head of NIHR and Chief Scientific Adviser for the Research and Development Portfolio of the Department of Health, will deliver the Sir Arthur Hall Memorial Lecture on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 6 pm in the Student's Union Auditorium.

## **Sheffield Hallam University, Faculty of Health and Wellbeing.**

### **Helen Best, Interim Dean**

#### **Senior Faculty roles – update**

Professor Karen Bryan left the University at the end of October to become Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Greenwich. Interim arrangements are in place with Helen Best as Interim Dean, Toni Schwarz as Interim Deputy Dean, and Ruth Allarton as Interim Head of Department for Nursing and Midwifery as well as her substantive role as Head of Allied Health Professions.

#### **Health and Social Care Research Centre**

We have undertaken a restructure of our Health and Social Care Research Centre. The aim is to promote and support research engagement of staff in the Faculty, and to integrate research and teaching missions. This change will mainstream research in the Faculty's activities, will enhance integration of teaching and research to enrich the students' learning and translation into practice, and will create opportunities in new and emerging areas including research collaborations.

#### **Student recruitment pre-registration courses**

Following a significant investment in additional recruitment and selection activity, which included much appreciated support from employer partners, pre-registration recruitment has been strong despite the challenges of the health funding reforms. We have exceeded previously commissioned intake numbers in diagnostic radiography, physiotherapy, child nursing and forecasting to exceed mental health nursing (still recruiting for semester 2 intake). We have maintained intake levels in occupational therapy, paramedic practice, radiotherapy, physician associate and are forecasting to maintain in adult nursing (still recruiting for semester 2 intake). Areas of particular challenge where we have not maintained previously commissioned intakes are operating department practice and the joint award in learning disability nursing and social work.

#### **Advanced clinical practice**

The Faculty is responding to the Advanced Clinical Practice (ACP) drivers by delivering Masters level qualifications to large cohorts of trainee ACPs. We expect around 150 students to have successfully completed this training by the end of the year.

We have been successful in a Health Education England tender to deliver our General Pharmaceutical Council approved pharmacy independent prescribing module across Yorkshire and the Humber and the East Midlands. This adds to our existing advanced clinical practice prescribing portfolio of non-medical prescribing (Nursing and Midwifery Council approved) and independent prescribing (Health and Care Professions Council approved).

#### **Degree and higher apprenticeships**

The Faculty was very pleased to enrol 20 students on the new degree apprenticeship in healthcare science (cardiac, respiratory and sleep science) in September. We are supporting the Degree Apprenticeship development agenda working regionally and nationally with employers and professional bodies and working with the trailblazers. This includes occupational therapy; physiotherapy; radiotherapy; ultrasound; paramedic; social work and nursing.

We are working collaboratively with 7 regional colleges to deliver a Foundation Degree in Professional Practice in Health and Social Care. The course embeds the generic assistant practitioner higher apprenticeship standards and now the nurse associate higher apprenticeship standards. This enables employers from across the region to access their apprenticeship education at local colleges knowing that the course is being quality assured by SHU. Those

entering the course as fee paying students, upon graduation will be qualified to apply to work as assistant and associate practitioners. Alternatively graduates could choose a progression route into year 2 of the health professions at SHU, creating a widening participation route to registration.

### **Interprofessional and integrated care**

**Interprofessional education (IPE) is an area of excellence in HWB.** Each year around 1,000 students from 14 different health and social care professions undertake an IPE module about service improvement. Students develop their own service improvement ideas which are used for their assessment, many of which are implemented in practice. IPE is developing further through the integrated care project seeing these professions come together for revalidation next year. The new courses will help support the Accountable Care System's priority to increase collaboration across health and care organisations.

The Faculty has contributed to the University of Sheffield's bid for additional medical education places. Work is being initiated on enhancing collaborative working and opportunities for IPE across health professional and medical students in the city, ultimately leading to better care of the population. A 'level zero' widening participation feeder course is being explored, delivered by SHU working closely with UoS.

### **Professorial appointments**

- Professor Julie Nightingale has been appointed as Professor of Diagnostic Imaging Education. Julie has come to us from the University of Salford and is located in the Department of Allied Health Professions.
- Dr Christine Le Maitre has been awarded a Chair and is now Professor of Cell Biology and Tissue Regeneration.
- Dr Liam Bourke has been awarded a Chair and is now Professor of Cancer Research.
- Dr Jon Wheat has been appointed Professor of Sport and Exercise Biomechanics in the Academy of Sport and Physical Activity.

### **Other relevant news**

Prof Bourke is leading on a **National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funded project to transform the aftercare and improve the quality of life for cancer survivors.** Led by Queen Mary University of London, Barts Health NHS Trust and King's College London, the SURvivors' Rehabilitation Evaluation after CANcer (SURECAN) project will assess a variation of a talking therapy known as Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), which puts patients' views about what they value most in their lives at the heart of the therapy. The project aims to conduct a full trial of around 350 participants at three centres in Sheffield and London.

Professor Laura Serrant was named as 8<sup>th</sup> in the top 100 most influential black people in the UK.