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New Executive for South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust

Steve Williamson has started work as South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's new Chief Operating Officer.

Mr Williamson has significant experience in transforming and improving health services and a passion for providing the very best possible care and experience to patients, families and carers using hospital and other health services.

He said: "I am delighted at the opportunity to work with everyone at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust. Our public services across health and local government are facing an exceptional financial challenge and I know things are very tough for everyone involved in their delivery. However, I believe the Trust is uniquely placed, with its mix of hospital services in South Tyneside and community services in Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside, to go from strength to strength.

"The passion I have seen for delivering the very best experience for the people we serve is a fantastic asset and I believe we can build on this passion and experience to further develop our services and make a dramatic impact on improving the health of our local population. Whilst many hospital and community services may struggle financially in the future, I think we have great potential to expand our current services and take a key role in the future of healthcare provision in the North of England."

Trust Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert said: "We are delighted to welcome Steve to our Executive team. He was an outstanding candidate and I am sure his vast experience will prove invaluable as we push ahead with our programme to transform services, whilst ensuring local people have access to local services, now and in the future."

Mr Williamson joins South Tyneside from University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, where he was Divisional Director for Trauma and Specialist Services. At Southampton, he led the creation of the Wessex Major Trauma Centre and the integration and improvement of stroke services across South East Hampshire and he directed significant local and specialist health services across the Wessex region, serving a population of three million.

Previously, he was Associate Chief Operating Officer at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust, ran the regional Wessex Renal and Transplant Service, worked in local government at Associate Director



level and also led the creation of a new government organisation, Her Majesty's Courts Service, in Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

His new post has meant a return to the North East for Mr Williamson, who was brought up in Ashington.

Mr Williamson, who is married with two children, aged four and seven, added: "It's great to be back in the North East. My kids have settled well into school and we are all enjoying being close to grandparents and family and having the fantastic countryside and environment of the region on our doorstep."

Outside work, he is a keen runner and rock climber and he is also a Beavers' leader.

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Pictured above: The photograph shows Steve Williamson South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's new Chief Operating Officer

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