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New nursing chief for Trust

Dr Bob Brown has joined South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust as Executive Director, Nursing and Patient Safety.

Chief Executive Lorraine Lambert said: "We interviewed a very strong field of candidates and Bob greatly impressed us with his considerable knowledge and experience, gained from working at a senior level in various roles in the NHS. I am thrilled to welcome him to our Executive team, where he will play a key role in our continuous drive to improve patient care across the whole of our services in Sunderland, South Tyneside and Gateshead."

Dr Brown added: "I am delighted to have joined South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, which has such a strong reputation for high quality care. I am really looking forward to working with colleagues at every level to build on the Trust's many positive successes to date to ensure that we improve services for the future and provide the best, safest care every time by being open and honest with our patients so we can identify where changes are needed.

"This is an exciting time for the Trust, as we continue to work with a range of partners to help improve health and care throughout our communities, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to be involved in what I know will be some groundbreaking initiatives."

Dr Brown was previously Director of Nursing and Professional Practice at Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust. Before that, he worked for South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland, where he was an Assistant Director of Nursing and Primary Care, with managerial and professional responsibility for a range of services, including community hospitals, mental health services for older people, GP out of hours, minor injury units and nursing in the community.

Other roles in his career have included: planning and commissioning nurse with Southern Health and Social Services Board; Senior Professional Officer with Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council for Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors and Lead Nurse (Practice Development) and Lecturer/Research Practitioner in Nursing with Newry and Mourne Health and Social Services Trust and University of Ulster (joint appointment). Dr Brown gained his Doctor in Nursing Science degree in 2007 through undertaking a research study on the experience of loneliness among people with life-limiting illness.

He is a Trustee and Council Member of the Queen's Nursing Institute and, outside of his working and family life, enjoys the sports of triathlon and hill running.
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Pictured above: The photograph shows Dr Bob Brown, Executive Director, Nursing and Patient Safety.

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