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New NHS Trust Chief Executive in post

The new Chief Executive of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust, Steve Williamson, has pledged to lead the organisation in improving the health of local people and in becoming the premier combined hospital, community and wellbeing provider in the North East by 2020.

Mr Williamson has taken over from Lorraine Lambert, who retired after 36 years of dedicated NHS service, 18 of those as Chief Executive in South Tyneside.

Mr Williamson, who was previously the Trust's Chief Operating Officer, said: "Lorraine is a hard act to follow but, as a result of her efforts working with our fantastic staff over the years, the Trust is in a strong position going forward to deliver an exciting agenda of integrated health and social care development and I look forward to building upon her great legacy."

Trust Chairman Peter Davidson said: "Lorraine's passion for the NHS will be sorely missed but we know that we have a worthy successor in Steve, who shares the same passion and commitment to providing the very best patient care. The future is both challenging and exciting. Integrated care is a major element of our plans and we will continue to look across the board for opportunities to do better for the patients we serve in South Tyneside, Gateshead and Sunderland by improving our services and the way they are delivered."

Mr Williamson, who was brought up in Ashington, came to South Tyneside in 2014 from University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust, where he was Divisional Director for Trauma and Specialist Services. He led the creation of the Wessex Major Trauma Centre and the integration and improvement of stroke services across South East Hampshire, and directed significant local and specialist health services across the Wessex region, serving a population of three million. He was also 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.

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Pictured above: South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's new Chief Executive Steve Williamson

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