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Trust's new executive team member

Michelle Arrowsmith has joined South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's executive team as Chief Operating Officer.

Mrs Arrowsmith has taken over from Steve Williamson, who succeeded Lorraine Lambert as Chief Executive following her retirement after 18 years in the post.

Mrs Arrowsmith, who has 20 years of service in the NHS, has a background as a senior operational manager with extensive experience of hospital and community services. She trained as a dietitian and worked clinically for a number of years before moving into operational management. She previously worked at Bolton NHS Foundation Trust and Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. She has also worked nationally and regionally for the British Dietetic Association and the NHS North West Allied Health Professions Workforce Board.

Mrs Arrowsmith said: "I am really pleased to have been given this opportunity to be part of the executive team supporting Steve in realising exciting, ambitious plans to improve patient care in hospital in South Tyneside and in the community in South Tyneside, Gateshead and Sunderland, and to become the premier combined hospital, community and wellbeing provider in the North East by 2020."

Mr Williamson added: "I am delighted to welcome Michelle on board and I know that, given her wide experience, she will be a great asset to the Trust. She has a proven track record for delivering improved patient care by consistently driving performance excellence and quality, often in a financially constrained environment, and she has previously managed services in a fully integrated organisation like ours, so her input will be invaluable."

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Pictured above: Michelle Arrowsmith, South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's new Chief Operating Officer

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