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New Medical Director for Trust

Dr Shaz Wahid has been appointed as the new Medical Director of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust.

Dr Wahid, who is currently Clinical Lead Emergency Care, has taken over from Dr Alan Rodgers, who has stepped down following 14 years in the role.

Trust Chief Executive Steve Williamson said: "Alan has given exceptional service to the Trust as our Medical Director and also, for 17 years, as a Consultant in Elderly Care Medicine and he will be greatly missed. I know, however, that, in Shaz, we have a worthy successor. His passion for patient care was clear to the whole selection panel, as was his commitment to working with colleagues from the Board of Directors and from across the organisation to deliver our strategy and support the long-term success of our Trust."

Dr Wahid has built a reputation, regionally and nationally, over the last 12 years as a physician, a manager and an educator, with specialist skills in Acute Medicine, General Medicine, Diabetes and Endocrinology.

After completing Specialist Registrar training in the North East in Diabetes and Endocrinology, Dr Wahid came to South Tyneside District Hospital in October 2003 as Consultant Physician with an interest in Diabetes and Endocrinology. Having reshaped this specialty into a service acknowledged as one of the best in the region by 2006, Dr Wahid turned his attention to improving the care of local emergency patients. This culminated in the development of a state-of-the-art, integrated Emergency Care Centre at the District Hospital, which opened to patients in November, 2012.

Dr Wahid said: "I had the choice of five vacant consultant posts in the North East following my Specialist Registrar training but, after my first visit to South Tyneside, I was smitten and my passion for the area and respect for its people, the Trust and its staff have steadily grown ever since.

"I am very happy to have been appointed as Medical Director and humbled by the trust and faith placed in me. I am excited by the Trust's vision to be a truly national leader by becoming the premier provider of combined hospital, community and well-being care by 2020, with a

thriving district general hospital at the centre, and I am looking forward to helping to achieve this goal, whilst ensuring we always put the patients we care for and our staff first.”
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Pictured above: Dr Shaz Wahid

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