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South Tyneside health boss retires

One of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust's Executive Directors has retired after an NHS career of almost 40 years.

Ian Frame, who was in charge at Personnel and Development, was a Board-level Director in the NHS for 25 years, including 18 years at South Tyneside.

Trust Chief Executive Steve Williamson thanked him for his 'outstanding service and commitment'. He added: "Ian has led, guided and supported our Trust through many challenges and changes in an exemplary way and he is extremely well-liked and well-respected, not only by colleagues here but also by those in other NHS and partner organisations throughout the North East. He will be sorely missed but we wish him all the best in retirement."

Mr Frame said: "I never thought when I joined the NHS straight from college in 1977 that I would have an NHS career spanning 39 years but I have thoroughly enjoyed working as part of one of the country's best loved institutions. I have met and worked with some lovely people through the years and it has been a particular privilege and joy to work in South Tyneside where there so many talented, friendly, humorous and compassionate people who provide a fantastic health service for the local community. It will be a real wrench not to have that daily contact with them but I fully intend to keep in touch with as many of them as possible."

Mr Frame was originally employed by the Northern Regional Health Authority on the clerical officer experience programme. One of his placements was in personnel and he realised then that he had found his niche. He moved up the ranks in a range of personnel management posts in Newcastle, Hull and Scunthorpe before returning to the North East in 1986 to Sunderland. He joined the team at South Tyneside in 1998. Along the way, he gained Fellowship of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development and an MBA.

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Pictured above: Ian Frame, with wife Judy and son Drew, and South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust colleagues who gathered to say goodbye to him

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