

## South Tyneside and Sunderland Healthcare Group

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### Media release



Pictured: Ken Bremner, Chief Executive City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (left) and Steve Williamson, Chief Executive South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust

## New appointments to support the drive for better hospital services for South Tyneside and Sunderland

In July Healthcare leaders in South Tyneside and Sunderland announced the important step in further improving the delivery of patient care by agreeing to move to a joint management structure, with one executive and management team accountable for running all hospital and community services across both areas.

We can now confirm that following a formal process and approval by the Board of Directors and Council of Governors at South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, Ken Bremner has been appointed as Chief Executive across both South Tyneside and City Hospitals Sunderland. This appointment is with effect from 12 September 2016.

Over coming weeks, a high quality executive and management team will be developed drawing on the wide range of expertise and experience in both Trusts, making them well equipped to deliver the rapid transformation of services required over the next few years. The first step of this has been the appointment of Steve Williamson as Deputy Chief Executive of both South Tyneside and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trusts and this appointment also takes effect from 12 September 2016.

Following his appointment Ken Bremner said: "I am delighted to be taking on this joint role across South Tyneside and Sunderland. I believe that despite the challenges facing the NHS, the people of South Tyneside and Sunderland deserve the very best hospital and community services and I'm committed to continuing to build upon the proud history of excellent care, delivered by fantastic staff at South Tyneside and am confident that together with City Hospitals Sunderland, through a joint management structure, we will all ensure sustainable and high quality services for the future. It is my promise to



patients and staff alike that this joint executive management team will act, and only act, in the very best interests of patient care.”

South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust Chair, Neil Mundy said “I believe that with his wealth of experience, Ken will be able to lead the two organisations successfully through the challenges of the next few years and I look forward to formally welcoming him to our Trust, and on to our Board, in September.”

Steve Williamson added “I am looking forward to working closely with Ken to build on the many positive working practices which exist within both Foundation Trusts to benefit patient care and provide staff with the best possible support.”

Both Trusts will continue to function as separate statutory NHS Foundation Trusts, each with its own Board of Directors.

*Issued on behalf of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust and City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust by Kay Jordan*

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