



Northern Excellence in Active and Healthy Ageing Symposium

SPEAKERS AND FACILITATORS

Richard Stubbs, Yorkshire & Humber AHSN

Richard leads the Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network (AHSN), an organisation that connects the NHS, academia and industry to facilitate change across whole health and social care economies, with a focus on increasing economic growth and improving outcomes for patients. Prior to this Richard was the AHSN Commercial Director providing executive leadership on all commercial, innovation and wealth creation objectives. Previous roles include the Head of Commercial and International Innovation at NHS England and also the Managing Director of NHS Global, promoting UK health care expertise to international markets. Prior to this Richard created the NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes. He was a core member of the NHS National Leadership Council, and has previous acute and commissioning senior management experience. He joined the NHS from the BBC as a graduate trainee, and is also an alumnus of the NHS 'Top Leaders' and NHS 'Breaking Through' programmes.

Professor Maddalena Illario, MD, PhD (Endocrinology), Italy

Since December 2016, Maddalena has coordinated the Campania Region Division on Health Innovation. Maddalena previously coordinated the Research and Development Unit of Federico II University Hospital as well as managing the Italian team of the 'PERRSILAA' and 'Sympathy' projects, and Campania's participation in the 'Sunfrail' Project. Since May 2015, she has been a 'Promoter' (expert) for the A3 Action Group on Prevention of Frailty and Functional Decline of the European Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing and additionally sits on the coordination team of A3 Action Group's Area of Food and Nutrition. Since 2013, she has coordinated Campania Reference Site activity within the European Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. She is currently co-chair of the European Reference Site Collaborative Network.

Professor Martin Vernon, NHS England

Martin qualified in 1988 in Manchester. Following training in the North West he moved to East London to train in Geriatric Medicine where he also acquired an MA in Medical Ethics and Law from King's College. He returned to Manchester in 1999 to take up a post as Consultant Geriatrician, building community geriatrics services in South Manchester. Martin was Associate Medical Director for NHS Manchester in 2010 and more recently Clinical Champion for frail older people and integrated care in Greater Manchester. He has been the British Geriatrics Society Champion for End of Life Care for five years and was a standing member of the NICE Indicators Committee. In 2015 Martin moved to Central Manchester where he is Consultant Geriatrician and Associate Head of Division for Medicine and Community Services. He also holds Honorary Academic Posts at Manchester and Salford Universities and was appointed as Visiting Professor at the University of Chester in 2016. In 2016, Martin was appointed National Clinical Director for Older People and Person Centred Integrated Care at NHS England.

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Dr Sarah De Biase, Yorkshire & Humber

Sarah is the Programme Manager for the Healthy Ageing Collaborative - a network established to support the development and evaluation of new evidence-based models of care for people with frailty. Cross cutting the Yorkshire & Humber AHSN's Healthy Ageing and Connected Bradford (part of Connected Health Cities) programmes, Sarah leads a portfolio of projects designed to test the clinical utility of the electronic Frailty Index (eFI) and engage primary care clinicians to use the eFI to proactively identify, diagnose and manage frailty.

Professor Oliver James, North East England

Professor James was a Consultant Physician in Newcastle for 30 years, Professor of Medicine from 1985, Head of Newcastle University School of Clinical Medical Sciences from 1995, Pro Vice Chancellor Medical Faculty 2004-2008. Also, Senior Vice President Royal College of Physicians 1997-1999. Professor James has authored over 300 papers on aspects of liver disease and ageing.

Donna Henderson, Scotland

In her role of Head of European Engagement at the Scottish Centre for Telehealth and Telecare (SCTT), Donna leads NHS 24's European Engagement Team, which aims to enhance Scotland's reputation as a leader in digital health and care and promote economic opportunities for Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Government. Donna has been a lead Co-ordinator of the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Health Ageing B3 Action Group on Integrated Care - the largest of the six EIP on AHA Action Groups – since 2012. This has included the writing and implementation of the Group's Action Plans (2012-15 and 2016-18). Donna also led the development of Scotland's successful submission to become a 4-star EIP on AHA Reference Site in 2016. Donna has been a Board member of the International Foundation for Integrated Care since 2014.

Elaine Colgan, Northern Ireland

Elaine has recently taken on the role of Head of eHealth and European Branch in the Department for Health in Northern Ireland. This includes the further development of the Northern Ireland 4* Reference Site, European engagement and management of structural funding on behalf of the Department. Elaine is treasurer of the Reference Site Collaboration Network. Elaine's previous roles in the Department include leading the development of the first adult safeguarding policy in Northern Ireland, managing the Health related elements of the Northern Ireland Human Trafficking Act and Exploitation Act, reform of funding for voluntary and community sector, and overseeing the legislation for disclosure and barring.

Dr Liz Lingard, North East England

Dr Lingard joined NHS RightCare as a Delivery Partner and as their National MSK Lead in September 2016 and works with CCGs across the North East and Cumbria. Prior to this, Liz was Joint Deputy Director at the North East Quality Observatory Service and supported providers, commissioners, the Academic Health Science Network for the North East and North Cumbria and Health Education England to use 'measurement for improvement' across a wide range of health conditions and areas of healthcare. Liz has a Masters in Public Health focusing on Health Care Management from Harvard University and completed Specialty Public Health training in the North East.

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Nick Batey, Wales

Nick leads European and International engagement for the Health and Social Care Department in Welsh Government. He has worked extensively in driving technology enabled change in regional government, health and local government and was seconded to the European Commission for five years to help drive European policies and programmes in eHealth, eInclusion and eGovernment. He has worked with board level teams in the public and private sector to accelerate the use of digital technology to deliver benefits to citizens, improve the sustainability of public services and help boost markets for innovative products and services. He has delivered successful regional digital strategies and implementation programmes ranging from setting up a new regional assembly (National Assembly of Wales) to implementing large scale hospital and community systems. In 2016, he led the Welsh bid for EIPonAHA Reference Site which was awarded 4 stars. He is chair of the European Regional and Local Health Authorities network (EUREGHA) and vice-chair of the EIP on AHA Reference Site Collaborative Network (RSCN).

John Farrell, Northern Ireland

John is the Founder and Director of LANUA International Healthcare Consultancy and a co-founder and Director of Partners in Healthcare International. John's focus includes supporting the acceleration of healthcare innovation and technology and in developing cross-sector collaborative networks. He advises public and private sector clients across Europe and mentors Health Tech start-ups and SMEs in accessing new European markets. John previously worked with the Department of Health in Northern Ireland where he also had responsibility for the development and oversight of the Northern Ireland Reference Site. In 2013 John established, and until last year led, the Reference Site Collaborative Network (RSCN); and currently acts as a Strategic Adviser to it.

Dr Hakim Yadi, North of England

Dr Hakim Yadi, OBE, is CEO of the Northern Health Science Alliance Ltd (NHSA). He led the formation of the NHSA, bringing together 20 NHSA members across the North of England securing over £60m in contracts and raising the profile of the North's health research. Previously, Hakim co-managed the translational medicine team at PA Consulting Group and was seconded to the UK Government as Chief Operations Officer and founding member of the Department of International Trade Life Sciences Organisation. He is co-founder of two women's healthcare companies and is co-founder of the Global Heart Network. Hakim holds a PhD in the Immunology of Pregnancy from the University of Cambridge.

Sumaiya Sufi, North West England

Sumaiya is a Quality Improvement and Safety Specialist within Health and Residential Settings and Patient Safety and Safeguarding, Operations and Delivery at Lancashire County Council. She manages a team of contract monitoring officers and quality improvement coordinators who work with providers to ensure they meet contractual obligations and provide safe, quality care. As well as working individually with providers, Sumaiya is responsible for developing good practice guidance, tools and processes that support quality improvement in residential settings. Falls are a consistent concern for residential providers and STEADY On! provides an opportunity for staff, residents, family and friends to address the issue in a simple and practical way. Previously, Sumaiya has worked in Public Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care commissioning and HR Information Systems.

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Yvonne Skellern-Foster, North West England

Yvonne is an accident prevention practitioner both in Childrens' and Older Peoples' Falls prevention. For the last 17 years, she has been a key member of two multi-award winning innovative prevention services. She currently leads the East Lancashire STEADY Team. Prior to that time, Yvonne has worked in the business sector in the manufacturing and computer industries. As one of the founder Knowledge Transfer Partnership team members which produced the STEADY On! system, she is well equipped to deliver STEADY On! training to a range of people which includes new STEADY Practitioners, the voluntary and statutory services as well as to older people themselves as a model of self-care in falls prevention and management.

Paul McGarry, Greater Manchester

Paul has led Manchester's multi-agency urban ageing partnership, now known as Age-friendly Manchester since 2003. The partnership works across public, private and community sectors, and with local residents, to improve the quality of life of Mancunians in mid and later life. In 2016, Paul was appointed as the Strategic Lead for the Greater Manchester Ageing Hub, which he worked with partners to set up over the previous twelve months. The Greater Manchester Ageing Hub has an ambition for Greater Manchester to be the first age-friendly city region in the UK, to be a global centre of excellence for ageing, and to increase economic participation among the over-50s. Greater Manchester has recently been announced as the first strategic place partner to the Centre for Ageing Better. Paul has had several journal articles on ageing published, and given presentations to high-profile events in the USA, Japan, Denmark, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Australia and Spain. Paul has an MA in social gerontology and is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Manchester, as well as a member of several international research and policy networks. Paul is a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Ageing Friendly Cities Advisory Group, and the Scientific Steering Board for the joint Age-friendly Environments in Europe project.

Professor Chris Todd, Greater Manchester

Chris is Professor of Primary Care and Community Health in the School of Health Sciences, The University of Manchester. Chris leads the Healthy Ageing Research Group and his work is broadly Health Services Research covering two substantive themes: (1) Falls prevention and activity promotion amongst older people, including the use of technologies in support of interventions and (2) Palliative care; prognostication and inequalities in cancer treatment. Chris has some 30 years research experience. After obtaining his PhD from Durham University he held research posts in Northern Ireland and Cambridge before becoming Director of Health Services Research at the Institute of Public Health, University of Cambridge, and then moving to The University of Manchester in 2001. Chris has a portfolio of research funding from UK funders (NIHR, Research Councils and Charities) and the European Commission. Chris led the Prevention of Falls Network Europe (ProFaNE) and the Prevention of Falls Network for Dissemination (ProFouND) and is a member of the steering committee of the EIP-AHA Action Group on Falls Prevention. Chris is author/co-author on more than 200 publications including the World Health Organisation's policy synopsis on the prevention of falls amongst older people and the 2007 WHO Global Report on Falls Prevention. Nearly all of his teaching is at postgraduate level and he has supervised more than 30 PhD/MD students.