

## News Release

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### **NUH Chief Executive and Medical Director to retire in 2017 after 70 years of combined NHS service**

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust's (NUH) Chief Executive and Medical Director will retire in 2017, after a combined 70 years of service to the National Health Service.... including 35 years serving patients in Nottinghamshire.

Peter Homa, one of the longest serving Chief Executives in the NHS, will retire this summer, after almost four decades of service to healthcare. Peter joined NUH in 2006, the year Queen's Medical Centre and Nottingham City Hospital merged to form NUH.

Peter Homa, NUH Chief Executive, said: "It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve NUH as Chief Executive for 10 years and the NHS for 27 years as a Chief Executive. I will always treasure the long-lasting friendships and relationships developed with patients, relatives, staff and partners, as well as the accomplishments and challenges experienced during my career. My passion for work has so often resulted in time being deflected away from my family. Retirement enables me to address this."

Dr Stephen Fowlie, Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive at NUH, will retire in May 2017 after spending more than 35 years in the NHS, including 20 years as a consultant in general and geriatric medicine at Nottingham City Hospital, where he became Medical Director in 2004. In 2006, he was appointed the first Medical Director at NUH, and more recently has served as the Trust's Deputy Chief Executive.

Peter said of Stephen: "Nottinghamshire has benefited significantly from Stephen's passion, leadership, wisdom and devotion to improve patient care. I am very sorry that NUH will lose Stephen's truly excellent leadership and experience. Stephen is an esteemed Medical Director who is rightly respected and admired at local, regional and national level. He has been instrumental in leading NUH's patient safety and quality improvements over the last decade. Stephen has strengthened NUH's clinically-led culture through successful engagement and involvement of the Trust's medical workforce."

Louise Scull, NUH Chair, said: “Nottingham is incredibly fortunate to have in Peter one of the finest leaders in the NHS. He is inspirational, visionary and relentless in his commitment to our values. Peter excels at working in NUH and across health and social care to do the best for patients and their families. Under Peter’s and Stephen’s exceptional leadership, NUH has become a continuously improving and high performing organisation over the last decade. Stephen’s wise counsel has been greatly valued by the Trust Board over many years notably when dealing with some challenging issues. In his roles as Medical Director and Deputy Chief Executive, Stephen’s decision-making has always been guided by what is right for patients and the belief that we should consistently be open and transparent to those we serve. Their achievements are unrivalled in the NHS and for this reason, Peter and Stephen will be greatly missed. After such dedicated NHS service, I fully understand their decision to create the next chapter in their family’s life stories during their retirement.”

Recruitment for Peter and Stephen’s successors will commence in the near future. We are confident that NUH will attract exceptionally experienced and talented successors to Peter and Stephen. They have endowed to us a fine, enduring legacy.

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Please find attached photographs of Peter and Stephen for your use.

**Additional information:**

Under Peter and Stephen’s leadership, NUH has:

- Developed the most comprehensive whole hospital transformation programme in the NHS - 2009-present
- Become the only Trust and University partnership in England to be awarded Biomedical Research Unit status in hearing, gastroenterology and respiratory (2007) followed by Biomedical Research Centre Status (2016), consolidating the Trust’s position as the most research active in the country outside of London, Cambridge and Oxford
- Become the Major Trauma Centre for the East Midlands – 2012
- Developed a national reputation for openness and transparency after the Trust became the first in the country to publish total numbers of cancelled operations – 2013

- Been rated 'GOOD' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and 'Outstanding' in the well-led domain - 2016
- Improved patient outcomes, patient experience and staff experience year-on year - 2006-2016
- Become the first hospital in England to be directly connected by tram, significantly improving access to our hospitals for patients, visitors and staff - 2015

## **Peter Homa**

Peter has extensive healthcare management experience including 27 years as a chief executive of local and national organisations. He was appointed as Chief Executive at NUH in 2006.

He became a CBE in 2000 for his contribution to the health service.

Peter was one of four independent experts who helped review Robert Francis QC's final recommendations following the Mid Staffordshire Foundation Trust public inquiry. He was also a member of the Freedom to Speak Up review, also led by Robert Francis, into creating the open and honest reporting culture in the NHS.

Peter has a degree in economics and master and doctorate degrees in business administration.

He has been Chair of the Association of UK University Hospitals, which represents academic and health interests across the country, since 2014.

## **Dr Stephen Fowlie**

Stephen is a consultant physician with special responsibility in geriatric medicine. He provides medical professional advice to the Board and has lead responsibility for the professional standards of the hospital's medical staff, teaching and research, and clinical governance.

He was appointed as a consultant physician with special responsibility in geriatric medicine at Nottingham City Hospital in 1993. In 1996 he gained an MBA (Health) from the University of Nottingham and became a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. He then moved on to roles as Clinical Director of Integrated Medicine and then of the Division of Medicine, and was appointed Medical Director in 2004.

He is the Executive Director responsible for Infection Prevention and Control, Clinical Governance, Health and Safety, Care Quality Commission Compliance and Research and Innovation, among other areas.

## NOTES FOR NEWSDESKS

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust is one of the biggest and busiest acute hospitals in England, employing 14,000 staff. We provide care to over 2.5million residents of Nottingham and its surrounding communities and specialist services to a further 3-4million people from neighbouring counties.

The Trust has three main sites:

- Queen's Medical Centre (QMC) – where our Emergency Department (A&E) major trauma centre and Nottingham Children's Hospital are located. The QMC is also home to The University of Nottingham's School of Nursing and Medical School
- Nottingham City Hospital – where our cancer centre, heart centre and stroke services are based, and where we focus on planned care and the care of patients with long-term conditions
- Ropewalk House – where we provide a range of outpatient services, including hearing services

We have national and international reputations for specialist services such as stroke, renal, spinal, breast, neurosciences, cancer services and trauma.

The Trust's annual turnover is £908million. We have approximately 1,700 beds (87 wards).

We are at the forefront of many research programmes and new surgical procedures. In partnership with The University of Nottingham we host a Biomedical Research Centre carrying out vital research into hearing, digestive diseases, respiratory, musculoskeletal disease, mental health and imaging.

As a teaching trust we have a strong relationship with The University of Nottingham and other universities across the East Midlands, playing an important role in the education and training of doctors, nurses other healthcare professionals.

We are part of the London 2012 Olympic legacy and offer services at the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine - East Midlands, based at Loughborough University.

To find out more about our hospitals, please visit our website [www.nuh.nhs.uk](http://www.nuh.nhs.uk). You can also follow @nottmhospitals on Twitter.