

# Our Board

## Dr Arnab Basu MBE DL

Dr Basu is the CEO and founder of Kromek Group plc, a leading developer of high performance radiation detection technologies. In this role, he has raised multiple rounds of financing from private equity and public markets and led the acquisition of two US businesses and UK expansion. Today, Kromek serves a global blue-chip customer base in the medical imaging, nuclear detection and security screening markets. A prominent figure within the business community, he was awarded Ernst and Young 'Entrepreneur of the Year' and later received an MBE for 'services to regional development and international trade'. In July 2016, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Science by Northumbria University. Dr Basu holds a PhD in physics from Durham University and is currently chair of the Academic Health Science Network for the North East and North Cumbria and the International Advisory Board of Newcastle University Business School.



## Ken Bremner MBE, Non-Executive

**Director** Ken Bremner has worked in the NHS since 1982, having joined as graduate NHS finance trainee. He came to Sunderland in 1988, initially working with Sunderland Health Authority and then at City Hospitals Sunderland.



He was Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive at City Hospitals until February 2004 when he was appointed to the post of Chief Executive. In July 2004, City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust was the first NHS Trust in the region, and one of the first in the country, to be authorised as a Foundation Trust.

In September 2016, Ken was also appointed as Chief Executive of South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust (the two Trusts formed an alliance earlier that year). His joint appointment across two Foundation Trusts is quite unique and is now starting to be mirrored elsewhere in the NHS.

Ken is Chair of the Sunderland Partnership Board, a member of the Foundation of Light Development Board, a member of the Foundation of Light Audit Committee, vice chair of the Academic Health Science Network for the North East and North Cumbria, and Chair of the Provider Collaborative.

## Dame Jackie Daniel, Non-Executive

**Director** Dame Jackie Daniel has been Chief Executive at Newcastle Hospitals since 1 May 2018 and began her NHS professional career as a nurse before moving into NHS management.

She has been a Chief Executive Officer for almost 20 years, leading acute, mental health and specialist trusts and before joining Newcastle, was Chief Executive of the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust which she led out of special measures. In 2017, Dame Jackie was recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours for her services to health care. She has a degree in Nursing Studies, a Masters' degree in Quality Assurance in Health and Social Care and is a qualified business and personal coach. She is also an Executive in Residence at Lancaster University Management School.



## Dr Mark Dornan, Non-Executive

**Director** Mark is a local graduate and has been a GP since 2004. Over the last 14 years he has worked as a GP in various roles including in elderly care.

Mark is a GP, a GP Partner and GP trainer in [www.teamsmedicalpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.teamsmedicalpractice.nhs.uk) in one of the most deprived areas in Gateshead. Mark has been a founder Chair of <http://www.newcastlegatesheadccg.nhs.uk> Mark has provided the senior clinical leadership for the ICS Digital workstream <https://www.northeastandnorthcumbriaics.nhs.uk/our-work/workstreams/digital-care/> Mark chairs Gateshead Cares, the Health and Care place based partnership <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/13367/The-Gateshead-health-and-care-system>.

In all these roles Mark is passionate to support our public and dedicated staff in working together to improve our population's health and wellbeing.



## David Gallagher, Executive Director of Placed Based Partnerships (Central and Tees Valley)

David Gallagher was the accountable officer for NHS Tees Valley CCG. He has extensive management experience across the NHS including in hospitals, at a strategic health authority and in commissioning, including 12 years in senior manager roles at South Tees Hospitals and as a director at County Durham PCT. Prior to his NHS Tees Valley CCG post, he was the accountable officer at NHS Sunderland CCG for seven years.



## Professor David Burn, Non-Executive

**Director** Professor David Burn took up the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Medical Sciences on the 1st February 2017.

The Faculty delivers impact through excellence in and close integration of research, teaching and engagement across three research institutes and five teaching schools.



Professor Burn is also Professor of Movement Disorders Neurology and Honorary Consultant Neurologist for Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. His first degree was at Oxford (Physiological Sciences), returning to his native North East for clinical training and early medical jobs, including neurology.

After further neurology training and undertaking research in London (National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square and Hammersmith Hospital) he was appointed as a Consultant Neurologist and Senior Lecturer in Newcastle in 1994. Professor Burn has an international reputation for research in dementia associated with Parkinson's.

He is an Emeritus NIHR Senior Investigator, chairs the NIHR Translational Research Collaboration for Dementia and is Chair of the Northern Health Science Alliance Board. He has been President of the Association of British Neurologists since May 2019.

### **Professor Charlotte Clark, Non-Executive Director**

Charlotte Clarke works at Durham University as Executive Dean for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Health. Previously, she worked at the University of Edinburgh and at Northumbria University. Charlotte's own academic and clinical

work has focussed on people in later life, and in particular those with dementia and their kin.

Within Durham, Charlotte leads the development of health as a theme across the University, fostering a vision for health as for people to thrive in the places they live. This embraces physical, mental, social and environmental wellbeing, and envisions health as a synergy of beliefs, culture, family, community and environment.



### **Professor Caroline Wroe, Observer**

Professor Caroline Wroe is Clinical Director of the NIHR Clinical Research Network for North East and North Cumbria and a Consultant Nephrologist at Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

In her NIHR role she leads a regional team across 30 clinical specialties, primary care, public health and social care to co-ordinate and facilitate research study delivery across the North East of England and North Cumbria. She supports the wider NIHR under-served Programme Board, leading project work to improve research accessibility for participants at site level. In her clinical role Caroline's specialist interest is living kidney donation, she has worked with NHS Blood and Transplant over the last 5 years to support and deliver national strategy and improve equity of access to live donor transplantation.



### **Professor Namita Kumar, Observer**

Namita is a Consultant Rheumatologist at South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Postgraduate Dean for Health Education England North East and Yorkshire, where she has worked since 2013.



She was made an Honorary Clinical Professor by Durham University in 2014, Newcastle and Sunderland Universities, as well as UCLAN, in 2017, and she was elected as a Trustee Councilor Royal College of Physicians in 2019. Namita is also an assessor for World Federation of Medical Education. She was appointed as a trustee for NCEPOD in January 2022, and official Co-Chair of HEE Postgraduate Deans in March 2022.

### **Sir David Bell KCB DL Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, University of Sunderland**

Sir David has a career spanning over 40 years and held a number of major posts across the education system. Between 2012 and 2018, he was Vice-Chancellor at the University of Reading. Previously, he was Permanent Secretary at the Department for Education, serving four Secretaries of State and three Prime Ministers. He also served as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools. In 2020, Sir David was made a Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Tyne and Wear and became the non-executive chair of Karbon Homes, a large social housing provider in the North East of England and Yorkshire. As well as being a Board member of the AHSN NENC, Sir David is



a trustee and advisory board member of the Higher Education Policy Institute, a Member of the Aldridge Multi-Academy Trust, a governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company, sits on the Sunderland City Board and the Skills Advisory Panel of the North East Local Enterprise Partnership.

### **James Duncan, Non-Executive Director**

James joined the AHSN NENC Board in 2022 and represents our regional Mental Health NHS Trusts.

James is the Chief Executive of Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, one of the largest mental health and disability trusts in England,

employing more than 9,000 staff and serving a population of approximately 2.3 million people. This is a role which he has held since 2022. Prior to this, James was Deputy Chief Executive Officer for the Trust, and Executive Director of Finance. James has 27 years' experience in the NHS, having joined the NHS Graduate Training Scheme in 1992.



### **Samantha Allen, Non-Executive Director**

Samantha joined the North East and North Cumbria ICB from the South East where she was the Chief Executive of an NHS mental health and learning disability trust for the last five years.



Prior to this Samantha has worked in a range of operational management and leadership roles across healthcare. She is also chair of the Health and Care Women Leaders Network at the NHS Confederation, a member of The Kings Fund general advisory council and a member of the chartered management institute board of companions.

Sam started work in the NHS in 1996 and has a background in the operational management and leadership of mental health services and health and social care commissioning. Sam has also gained valuable experience working with an international healthcare organisation in the private sector.

As a Leadership Fellow at St. George's House, Windsor Castle, Sam takes an active role in influencing culture and leadership development across the NHS.

### **Our Member Organisations**

- North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
- County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
- South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust
- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust
- Integrated Care System North East North Cumbria
- Newcastle University
- Durham University
- Sunderland University
- Teesside University
- Northumbria University
- University of Cumbria