

ANDREW FOSTER, Chief Executive

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

Andrew has been Chief Executive of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust since 2007 where he led the successful application for Foundation Trust in 2008. He spent five years as the NHS Director of Human Resources (Workforce Director General) at the Department of Health with principal responsibility for implementing the workforce expansion and HR systems modernisation set out in the NHS Plan. Before that he spent two years as part time Policy Director (HR) at the NHS Confederation.

Andrew was also the Chairman of Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust from 1996 to 2001 and before that Chairman of West Lancashire NHS Trust and non-executive director at Wrightington Hospital NHS Trust.

During his time at the Department of Health, Andrew became renowned for his lively and unusual presentations at conferences, arriving on stage, for example, on a motorbike or dressed in waterproofs against a background of stormy seas and gigantic waves. He knew how to get his message across.

Here are some comments from his colleagues:

Les Higgins (current Chairman)

“I have worked with a number of CEOs during a long career in public service. Andrew stands out in his absolute commitment to staff engagement. He always keeps staff welfare and development at the forefront of his strategic thinking, making him an outstanding leader”

Jean Heyes (Staff Side Chair)

“Having worked with Andrew Foster for over 18 years in his position as Chairman and then Chief Executive of Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, his total commitment to the patients and staff of the Trust has been both outstanding and relentless. It is a privilege

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“If all Chief Executives had such a focus on our people the NHS would be transformed.”

Kevin Croft, HPMA president