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ABHI WOMEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT

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WELCOME

Women's health is at a pivotal moment. Despite representing over half the population, healthcare systems, research pathways and investment models have historically been designed around the male body as the default. The result is a persistent gap in diagnosis, treatment and outcomes, and though women live longer than men, they spend a greater proportion of their lives in ill health. Addressing this inequity is not only a moral and clinical imperative, but an economic one, with evidence showing that closing the women's health gap could unlock significant societal and productivity gains globally and across the UK.

The ABHI Women's Health Summit 2026 brings together leaders from policy, clinical practice, research, industry, and investment to explore how meaningful change can be delivered. Across the day, discussions will examine the transformation required in care pathways, innovation, data, and funding to ensure healthcare better reflects women's biology, experiences and needs. By combining expertise and lived experience, the Summit aims to move beyond awareness toward practical action, shaping a future where women's health is fully recognised as fundamental to both population wellbeing and economic prosperity.

Thank you for joining us and contributing to the momentum for change.

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| 09:15 | Registration & Coffee | |
| 09:50 | Introductions & A Word from our host | Peter Ellingworth Chief Executive, ABHI |
| | | Sarah Cowlshaw Partner, Covington & Burling LLP |
| 10:00 | <i>Keynote:</i> The Urgent Case for Change | Dame Lesley Regan Women's Health Ambassador for England |
| 10:15 | Closing the Gap: The \$1 Trillion Opportunity | Professor Robyn Norton Founding Director, The George Institute for Global Health |
| 10:45 | Voices of Experience: The Patient Perspective | Dr Nina Wilson Clinical Advisor, ABHI <i>In Conversation with</i> Jenny Gayler Patient Advocate |
| 11:10 | A Woman's Heart | Professor Angela Maas Professor - Faculty of Medical Sciences, Radboud University |
| 11:30 | Coffee Break | |
| 12:00 | Panel 1. From Policy to Implementation – Changing the Care that is Delivered | Panel Chair: Dr Nina Wilson Clinical Advisor, ABHI Dr Helen Munro Clinical Lead for Women's Health in Wales Dame Lesley Regan Women's Health Ambassador for England Professor Angela Maas Professor - Faculty of Medical Sciences, Radboud University Dr Nilofer Husain Consultant Gynaecologist, Consultant Partner, Modality Women's Health Hub. |
| 12:45 | Lunch | |

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| 13:45 | Panel 2. The Future of Women's Healthcare: Advances in Innovation & Technology Shaping Care | <p>Panel Chair: Professor Wendy Reid Non-Executive Director, Birmingham Women & Children's Hospital</p> <p>Matthew Johnson Director of Access & Innovation, Roche Diagnostics</p> <p>Claire Nicholson Sales & Marketing Director, Kimal</p> <p>Mark Robinson VP & General Manager, UK&I & Northern Europe, Illumina</p> <p>Dr Joanna Shakespeare Consultant Clinical Scientist, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) & Chair of the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP)</p> <p>Paul Holmes Market Access & Government Affairs Director, UK and Ireland, Hologic</p> <p>Professor Emma Crosbie Professor of Gynaecological Oncology, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust</p> |
| 14:45 | Panel 3. The Data Gap: Women and Research | <p>Panel Chair: Dr Sue Mann National Clinical Director in Women's Health, NHS England</p> <p>Professor Robyn Norton Founding Director, The George Institute for Global Health</p> <p>Professor Lucy Chappell Chief Scientific Adviser, DHSC</p> <p>Dr Jenn Matthissen Head of GI, Nutrition, Endocrine and Fertility MHRA</p> <p>Dame Sue Hill Chief Scientific Officer, NHS England</p> |
| 15:30 | Coffee Break | |

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| 15:45 | Panel 4. Keeping the Momentum: Insight and Investment | <p>Panel Chair: Kate Lancaster CEO, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists</p> <p>Kelly Curtin Managing Director, Stifel's Global Healthcare Group</p> <p>Steve McManus CEO, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust</p> <p>Mohammad Khobreh Managing Partner, NG BIO</p> |
| 16:30 | Fireside Chat | <p>Caitlin Moran Journalist, Broadcaster & Author</p> |
| 17:15 | Final Reflections | <p>Dr Nina Wilson Clinical Advisor, ABHI</p> <p>Jane Lewis Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer & Women's Health Lead, ABHI</p> |
| 17:30 | Networking Drinks | |
| 18:30 | Close | |

MEET THE SPEAKERS



Peter Ellingworth
Chief Executive, ABHI

Peter is Chief Executive of the Association of British HealthTech Industries (ABHI), the UK's leading HealthTech Trade Association, with 400 members operating across medical devices, diagnostics and digital health. Working at both national and regional levels with senior government and the NHS, ABHI is focused on ensuring that policies and practices support the growth of our members and industry, thus enabling access to effective and life-changing technologies for patients.

Peter represents the industry on several formal government bodies and committees. He is a member of the Secretary of State-led Life Sciences Council and served as the leading voice for the sector on the Advisory Group for the Innovation System Programme, overseen by Roland Sinker on behalf of NHS England. In 2025, he was appointed to the MHRA's National Commission on the Regulation of AI in Healthcare, where he sits on the Commission's Technology Working Group. He is also a member of the Board of the Office for Strategic Coordination of Health Research (OSCHR), where he is focused on building strong and productive links between the HealthTech industry and the wider science and research community. He previously served on the Board of the Accelerated Access Collaborative and was an advisor to the Department of Health and Social Care's MedTech Strategy Programme Board.

At a regional level, Peter has a long history of involvement, beginning with the inception of the Academic Health Science Networks and continuing through their evolution into Health Innovation Networks. He has held Board-level roles with Manchester and South London, and since 2018, he has served as a Board Director at Oxford & Thames Valley, where his leadership culminated in his appointment as Chair in 2024. Additionally, Peter leads ABHI's partnership agreement with the Shelford Group, a collaboration of ten major research and teaching hospitals in England, designed to strengthen NHS-industry relationships and accelerate research and innovation.

He is a Board Member of MedTech Europe and Chairs its UK Working Group, which focuses on developing support for the harmonisation of critical policy matters for our industry, such as regulation, sustainability, and data. He also leads ABHI's engagement with AdvaMed, through a joint memorandum of understanding, and the Global Medical Technology Alliance.

Peter has an extensive background in business with international companies in the UK and Europe and holds non-executive roles with early stage HealthTech companies. He is a committed champion for ABHI's important work on women's health.



Sarah Cowlshaw
Partner, Covington & Burling LLP

Sarah is a partner in London and Dublin practicing in the areas of EU, UK and Irish life sciences law. She has particular expertise in medical devices and diagnostics, and on advising on legal issues presented by digital health technologies, helping companies navigate regulatory frameworks while balancing challenges presented by the pace of technological change over legislative developments.

Sarah is a co-chair of Covington's multidisciplinary Digital Health Initiative, which brings together the firm's considerable resources across the broad array of legal, regulatory, commercial, and policy issues relating to the development and exploitation of digital health products and services.

Sarah regularly advises on obligations under the EU Medical Devices Regulation and In Vitro Diagnostics Medical Devices Regulation, including associated transition issues, and UK-specific considerations caused by Brexit; medical device CE and UKCA marking, quality systems, device vigilance and rules governing clinical investigations and performance evaluations of medical devices and in vitro diagnostics; borderline classification determinations for software medical devices; legal issues presented by digital health technologies including artificial intelligence; general regulatory matters for the pharma and device industry, including borderline determinations, adverse event and other reporting obligations, manufacturing controls, and labeling and promotion; the full range of agreements that span the product life-cycle in the life sciences sector, including collaborations and other strategic agreements, clinical trial agreements, and manufacturing and supply agreements; and regulatory and commercial due diligence for life sciences transactions.



Professor Robyn Norton
Founding Director, The George Institute for Global Health

Professor Norton is one of the two Founding Directors of The George Institute for Global Health. She has published widely on women's health, global health, and injury. Robyn has had a long-standing commitment to improving the health of women and girls and co-established The George Institute's Global Women's Health Program. This program of work takes a life course approach to addressing the leading causes of death and disability for women and girls, especially non-communicable diseases, and injuries.

Robyn currently co-leads work in both Australia and the UK focused on the development of policies to ensure increased representation of women and girls as participants in health and medical research, and the disaggregation of data by sex and gender. This work led to the establishment of Australia's first Centre for Sex and Gender Equity in Health and Medicine in March 2024, in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Institute at UNSW and Deakin University.

Robyn was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences in 2016 and made an Officer (AO) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in 2017. In 2021, she was appointed as a member of Chief Executive Women and, in 2022, was appointed to the Australian Women's Health Advisory Council where she is also a member of its research sub-committee.

In 2024, Robyn was appointed Chair of the inaugural Advisory Board for Franklin Women, an Australian social enterprise that connects individuals and organisations committed to creating a health and medical research sector where women thrive. She is also Chair of the inaugural Advisory Board of Imperial College's Network of Excellence in Women's Health and in 2024, joined the board of directors of the Black Dog Institute, UNSW Sydney.



Jenny Gayler

Jenny lives in Worthing, West Sussex and works as a Chef at St Barnabas Hospices where she has worked for nearly 30 years.

Jenny is married to David and has a daughter Jessica. Jenny enjoys spending time with her family, loves a holiday in the sun and enjoys eating out. Jenny has a dog called Alfie who she absolutely dotes on (despite previously saying she wasn't keen on dogs!)

Despite a number of challenges that life has thrown at her Jenny always remains positive and encourages those around her to be positive too.



Professor Angela Maas

Professor - Faculty of Medical Sciences, Radboud University

Angela Maas, MD, PhD is a clinical cardiologist since more than 30 years and has developed a main interest in heart disease in women over the past decades. She followed training programs in de VS and Canada and established the first outpatient clinic for women in the Netherlands in 2003. Since 2012 she holds a chair in cardiology for women at the Radboudumc in Nijmegen. She focuses on the early identification of women at increased CV risk and symptom evaluation in women at middle-age. She has initiated several multicenter collaborative projects with other disciplines to improve healthy ageing in women. She has received many awards such as by the Dutch Society of female physicians (2010), the Radboud University (2014) and was knighted by the King in 2017. She is currently one of the most influential female doctors in Dutch healthcare and is the 2020/21 Women's representative of the Dutch Government to the United Nations.



Dr Nina Wilson
Clinical Advisor, ABHI

Dr Nina Wilson joined ABHI in 2024 as Independent Consultant Clinical Advisor, bringing a vital front-line clinical perspective to inform and shape the Association's strategic priorities. Her expertise in women's health has been central to the development of the Women's Health Summit and ABHI's landmark report, Time to Listen, Time to Act, both of which address critical gaps in care and set out a clear agenda for meaningful change.

Dr Wilson completed her pre-clinical studies at the University of Oxford and qualified in medicine at the University of Cambridge. She now practises in Sussex, where she leads a specialist clinic delivering comprehensive, whole-person care for women. Her clinical work focuses particularly on areas of historic under-provision, including hormonal health, bone health, and cardiovascular health, with an emphasis on prevention, optimisation, and long-term wellbeing. She is a recognised media contributor and has been featured on BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, among other national platforms.

Over the course of her career, Dr Wilson has held a number of senior national leadership roles across both the NHS and the independent sector. She is widely respected for her ability to translate clinical insight into system-level improvement, contributing to policy, regulation, and innovation at the highest levels. She served as Chief Medical Officer for Livi, Europe's largest digital healthcare provider and the first online service to be rated Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. Her previous roles include Clinical Advisor to NHS Chief Executive Sir David Nicholson, Special Advisor to the Care Quality Commission on quality in digital health, and Head of Standards in Artificial Intelligence at NHSX.

Dr Wilson is deeply committed to advancing patient care and addressing inequities in health provision. She combines clinical expertise with a sophisticated understanding of health system architecture to drive improvements in quality, access, and outcomes, particularly in areas where innovation and leadership are most needed.



Dr Helen Munro
Clinical Lead for Women's Health in Wales

An esteemed consultant specialising in sexual and reproductive care, based at Hywel Dda University Health Board, whose research contributions are improving healthcare policy and practice in Wales and beyond.

Dr Helen Munro's involvement with the Health and Care Research Wales Faculty, has provided her with protected time and support from experts to start and enhance her research practice. This support was key in her becoming Wales' first clinical lead for women's health where Helen she advocates for women's health research to remain a top priority in research.

Inspired by her father's dedicated service as a district nurse in North Yorkshire, Helen studied medicine at Dundee University in Scotland. Her passion for serving the community led her to choose a primary care clinical route to keep making a difference in people's lives and eventually volunteering abroad where she worked in Africa for a year. Upon returning from Africa, Helen decided to pursue a master's degree in public health in London before ultimately settling in southwest Wales.



Dame Lesley Regan
Women's Health Ambassador for England

Dame Lesley Regan is Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Imperial College's St Mary's Hospital Campus, and Honorary Consultant in Gynaecology at the Imperial College NHS Trust. She continues her clinical practice in reproductive medicine with particular expertise in menstrual health, recurrent miscarriage and the menopause. Professor Regan co-chairs the People and Culture Committee (Athena SWAN) for the Department of Metabolism, Digestion & Reproduction at Imperial. She is a non-executive director on the board of NHS Resolution and an advisor on women's health to the Evelina Hospital group at GSST NHS Trust.

Dame Lesley is the Women's Health Ambassador for England and Past President (2016-2019) of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, only the second woman to ever hold this role and the first in sixty-four years. During her tenure as PRCOG she published the RCOG Better for Women report with the primary recommendation that a National Women's Health Strategic plan was needed to address the growing gender health gap in the UK. This led to a public consultation on Women's Health and publication of the Women's health Strategy for England in 2022. From 2018-2023 she was Honorary Secretary of the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics (FIGO).

Professor Regan is Chair of Wellbeing of Women (WoW), the charity funding research, education and advocacy into every aspect of women's health across the life course. She also Chair of CHARM - the Charity for Research into Miscarriage.



Dr Nilofer Husain
Consultant Gynaecologist, Consultant Partner,
Modality Women's Health Hub

Dr Nilofer Husain is a Consultant Gynaecologist and Partner at Modality LLP's Gynaecology Women's Health Hub, currently the largest Women's Health Hub in the country. She has been instrumental in transforming gynaecological healthcare delivery at Birmingham by driving an innovative integrated end-to-end care model that seamlessly connects primary, community, and secondary care. Her work has significantly reduced patient wait times by her support to local NHS Trusts and improved access to high-quality care.

Her special interests include heavy menstrual bleeding, uterine fibroids, and vulval diseases. Her work on standardised pathways and clinical guidelines for gynaecological conditions continues to shape the future of women's health services in the region. A passionate advocate for women's health, she continues to work relentlessly to advance gynaecological care through her clinical leadership, advocacy, and educational talks.



Professor Wendy Reid

Non-Executive Director, Birmingham Women & Children's Hospital

MB.BS, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, University of London, 1981, Membership RCOG: 1989, Fellowship 1999.

Wendy's senior professional appointments include Royal Free Hospital NHS Trust, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer UCL, Government Senior Clinical Advisor European Working Time Directive, Department of Health. Wendy is Appointed Honorary Professor, Bart's & Royal London Medical School, Queen Mary, University of London and was previously Executive Medical Director and Director of Education & Quality, Health Education England and Vice President Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists.

Wendy is Chair of Manx Care, the Isle of Man Health Board.



Matthew Johnson

Director of Access & Innovation, Roche Diagnostics

With over 20 year's commercial experience, Matt has a proven track record of leadership, building high performing teams and fostering collaboration. He is passionate about strengthening partnerships to drive meaningful change and improve healthcare outcomes.

Matt began his career at Roche in 2002 as part of a graduate program and has since held multiple leadership positions across the UK and Ireland. He is currently the Director of Access and Innovation (A&I), overseeing Medical Affairs, Public Affairs, Market Access, Health Economics, and two strategic functions - Business Development and Innovation.

Born and educated in Yorkshire, Matt studied Business & Marketing at Leeds University before embarking on his professional career in the healthcare industry. He is driven by the transformative impact that advances in healthcare can have on patient outcomes and is inspired by the opportunity to empower colleagues to grow, succeed, and contribute to meaningful change together.

Beyond his commercial and leadership achievements, Matt is passionate about leadership development and actively contributes to Roche's leadership programs.

Outside of work, he is a keen traveler who enjoys immersing himself in different cultures and cuisines. He also has a passion for the outdoors, whether cycling, running, or exploring new destinations and soaking up the atmosphere.



Claire Nicholson
Sales & Marketing Director, Kimal

Claire has been in the Medical Devices industry since 2005, having graduated from Cardiff University with a BSc (Hons) in Biology and a keen interest in healthcare. Prior to joining Kimal, Claire worked in sales roles for three leading medical device companies: HemoCue, Covidien and St Jude Medical.

Claire joined Kimal PLC in 2013 as UK Sales Manager, and has held several positions prior to 2020, when she was appointed as Group Sales and Marketing Director, taking on responsibility for Kimal's full portfolio. Claire is excited to lead a team of over 45 talented sales and marketing professionals at Kimal. The portfolio includes Cardiology, Radiology, Renal, Vascular Access Catheters and ICG Verdye for fluorescence guided surgery. Most recently, Kimal have expanded into the maternal health sector, bringing to market a portfolio of innovative products focused on advancing care and improving maternal health outcomes.



Mark Robinson
VP & General Manager, UK&I & Northern Europe, Illumina

Illumina is a global leader in DNA sequencing and array-based technologies. For 25 years, Illumina's innovations have fuelled advancements in life sciences, oncology, reproductive health, genetic disease, agriculture, microbiology, and other emerging segments. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Illumina is listed on the NASDAQ with global revenues of \$4.6bn and more than 10,000 employees worldwide.

Mark has been the General Manager for the UK & Ireland and Northern Europe since 2023. In this role, he leads the commercial business in these strategically important geographies, designing the strategy, setting the goals for growth and managing the day-to-day operations. Mark has overall responsibility for the key relationships in these regions, including those with government, healthcare systems and key strategic partners. Additionally, he has oversight of all of Illumina's operations in the UK, including site leadership of Illumina's European hub in Cambridge.

Mark joined Illumina as its EMEA CFO in November 2019 and in March 2021 became responsible for its broader international business, covering the EMEA, Asia Pacific and China regions with revenues of circa \$1.5bn. In this role, Mark led the finance function across the 3 regions and overseeing accounting, financial shared services, tax and FP&A; whilst playing a significant role in the strategic leadership of the business.

Prior to joining Illumina, Mark has a strong track record within healthcare; spending 13 years at Johnson & Johnson in various senior finance roles across the Medical Device and Consumer sectors and, before that, 5 years at Pfizer in their Pharmaceutical and Consumer Health divisions. Mark is a chartered management accountant and holds an economics degree from the University of Exeter.



Dr Joanna Shakespeare
Consultant Clinical Scientist, University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) & Chair of the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology (ARTP)

Joanna is a Consultant Clinical Scientist in Sleep and Ventilation at UHCW NHS Trust, having worked as a Respiratory Physiologist/Scientist for 28 years. She spent 16 years as the Clinical Service lead for the Respiratory and Sleep Sciences Department leading it to UKAS (IQIPS) accreditation in 2016.

Joanna is the Chair of the Association for Respiratory Technology & Physiology (ARTP). She regularly teaches on sleep diagnostics, lung function and cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET) and is a faculty member for the ARTP CPET course, the UCLA/Cambridge CPET course and the ERS advanced clinical exercise testing course. Her specialist interests include cardiopulmonary exercise testing, diagnostic sleep studies and non-invasive ventilation in both the acute and domiciliary settings.



Paul Holmes,
Market Access & Government Affairs Director, UK and Ireland, Hologic

Paul Holmes is a senior leader in market access and government affairs with over 20 years' experience across multinational healthcare organisations and high growth start-ups. This blend of global scale and entrepreneurial agility gives him a distinctive perspective on how innovation moves - or fails to move - from evidence to real-world implementation.

Paul began his career as a Biomedical Scientist in NHS microbiology laboratories, grounding his work in a practical understanding of diagnostics, laboratory pressures and frontline service delivery. That experience continues to shape his approach: innovation must work operationally, not just clinically.

In his current role, Paul leads strategic engagement with policymakers, NHS leaders and clinical stakeholders to accelerate the adoption of evidence based technologies in women's health. His work focuses on improving screening and diagnostic pathways, reducing unwarranted variation, addressing health inequalities and aligning sustainable funding models with long-term outcomes.

He is a strong advocate for moving beyond pilots and rhetoric towards systematic, value-driven transformation that improves access, detection rates and patient experience across women's health services.



Professor Emma Crosbie
Professor of Gynaecological Oncology, Manchester University
NHS Foundation Trust

Professor Crosbie graduated as the top performing woman student at the University of Edinburgh Medical School in 1997. Following her pre-registration house jobs, Professor Crosbie began her career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology as a Senior House Officer at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. In 1999, she moved to Manchester to work at the Paterson Institute for Cancer Research and Saint Mary's Hospital as the Joseph Starkey Clinical Research Fellow under the supervision of Professors Peter Stern and Henry Kitchener. In 2002, she was awarded a PhD in Gynaecological Oncology by the University of Manchester. Professor Crosbie returned to full time clinical training as a Senior House Officer and then Specialist Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the North West in 2002. In 2006, she successfully gained Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. In 2008, she became a Walport Clinical Lecturer in Gynaecological Oncology, combining subspecialty training in Gynaecological Oncology with research. In 2013, Professor Crosbie was awarded an NIHR Clinician Scientist Fellowship and became a Senior Lecturer and Honorary Consultant in Gynaecological Oncology at the University of Manchester.

Professor Crosbie specialises in the screening, prevention and early diagnosis of gynaecological cancers. The focus of her clinical work is the fertility sparing management of womb cancer and pre-cancer. She also manages womb cancer in women who cannot undergo hysterectomy for medical reasons.



Dr Sue Mann
National Clinical Director in Women's Health, NHS England

Dr Sue Mann is the National Clinical Director in Women's Health at NHS England and a Consultant in Women's Health at Homerton University Hospital. Combining national and local roles has enabled system level understanding and a commitment to the integration of policy, population health and health system change for improvement. Her academic experience through a National Institute for Health and Care Research Fellowship in Knowledge Mobilisation has consolidated her focus on data-driven approaches and the implementation of evidence-based healthcare solutions to improving delivery and healthcare outcomes. Locally she has spearheaded the development of women's health hubs in City and Hackney and the implementation of virtual group consultations for common women's health problems – both interventions that have contributed to national strategy.



Professor Lucy Chappell
Chief Scientific Adviser, DHSC

Professor Lucy Chappell FMedSci is the Chief Scientific Adviser for the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), with overall responsibility for the department's research and development, including the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR), the government's major funder of clinical, public health, social care and translational research.

Reporting to the Chief Medical Officer, the Chief Scientific Adviser provides science advice and analysis to ministers across the range of health topics and is involved in cross-government science policy.

Professor Chappell is Professor of Obstetrics at King's College London, Honorary Consultant Obstetrician at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust and an NIHR Senior Investigator. She will undertake the Chief Scientific Adviser role on secondment into government, while continuing some of her clinical and academic work.



Dr Jenn Matthissen
Head of GI, Nutrition, Endocrine and Fertility MHRA

Dr Jenn Matthissen is the Head of Gastrointestinal System, Nutrition, Endocrine and Fertility at the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). She contributes to shaping national strategy and oversight across key therapeutic areas, working to ensure the safety, efficacy and quality to support millions of patients.



Dame Sue Hill
Chief Scientific Officer, NHS England

Professor Dame Sue Hill DBE FMedSci FRSB FRCP (Hon) FRCPATH (Hon) is the Chief Scientific Officer for England.

Sue has been the Chief Scientific Officer since October 2002, initially based in the Department of Health, providing expert clinical scientific advice across the health system and head of profession for the healthcare science workforce in the NHS and associated bodies.

Sue is also the Senior Responsible Officer for Genomics in NHS England, having previously established the NHS Genomic Medicine Centres and led the service's contribution to the 100,000 Genomes Project. She was made a Dame in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2018 for her role in advancing genomic medicine.

Sue's start in science and healthcare began in London, studying physiology, while at the same time working at what is now Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, in Swindon. She became the youngest person to run a lab in the NHS at the time, working in respiratory physiology, anaesthetics and intensive care.

Sue has also chaired the Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group for Healthcare Science and was a founder of the CSO Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Fellowship programme. In 2018, alongside Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, Sue awarded Staffordshire University's Biological Sciences Department the "Excellence in Education Delivery" award at the annual Chief Scientific Officer's Healthcare Science Awards.



Kate Lancaster
CEO, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

Kate joined the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) as Chief Executive in March 2019, having previously held a number of Board Director roles in both the English and Scottish National Health Service, including roles at Cambridge University Hospitals NHS FT, Royal Papworth NHS FT and NHS Forth Valley.

Kate also held senior leadership roles within Cambridge University Health Partners, an academic health science centre, and the eastern academic health science network where she built partnerships across the health service, industry and academia.

Kate has significant leadership experience in the fields of strategy and governance. During her time at Cambridge University Hospitals she played a pivotal role in improving the governance of the organisation to improve the Trust's CQC rating from Inadequate to Good. Kate has been invited to lead several Cabinet Office reviews of arms-lengths bodies within the Ministry of Defence and Department of Education.

As CEO of the RCOG, a global organisation working across more than 100 countries, Kate is committed to working with partners to improve the health of women and girls. She has invested in building successful international partnerships for the benefit of women's health world-wide, and has led the work to establish the women's health hub at the RCOG in Union Street – creating a growing collaborative community of 10 women's health organisations, including the Royal College of Midwives.

In addition to her Chief Executive role, Kate is a Non-Executive Director of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Academic Health Science Network and until recently was a Trustee of Magpas, the Air Ambulance Charity.

Kate mentors a number of senior leaders, is a qualified leadership coach and is an Associate Alumni of the Judge Business School, University of Cambridge.



Kelly Curtin
Managing Director, Stifel's Global Healthcare Group

Kelly Curtin is a Managing Director in Stifel's Global Healthcare Group with over 20 years of experience in investment banking, primarily in the healthcare industry. Her experience includes strategic transactions across a wide spectrum of the life sciences, including biotechnology, pharma, specialty pharma, generics, healthcare services, and medical devices. Kelly has led M&A transactions for public and private companies, licensing transactions and divestments as well as executed a range of equity and debt financings. Kelly became part of Stifel in 2023 through the Torrey acquisition.

Before joining Torrey in 2014, Kelly was a Director in Credit Suisse's Mergers & Acquisitions group in both Chicago and London.

Kelly holds a B.A. in Law, Jurisprudence and Social Thought from Amherst College.



Steve McManus
CEO, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Steve is Chief Executive of the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, a role he has held since January 2017. Steve's NHS career dates back 35 years and includes both clinical and managerial responsibilities. He began training as a nurse in 1987 and has gone on to hold a number of senior roles. He chairs the Oxford HIN's Patient Safety and Clinical Improvement oversight group. In 2023 Steve was Interim Chief Executive of the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.



Mohammad Khobreh
Managing Partner, NG BIO

Mohammad leads the strategic direction of the fund, leveraging his extensive experience in life sciences investments. He works closely with NG Bio's limited partners and co-investors to maximise the potential of our investments. Mohammad is particularly adept at forging strategic partnerships with major pharmaceutical companies and funds, regularly collaborating with them to share deal flow and align on growth opportunities.

Mohammad is also deeply involved in guiding our companies through their financing strategies, helping them navigate the complexities of growth and exit planning from the very beginning. His hands-on approach ensures that our portfolio companies are well-positioned for success in the highly competitive biotech landscape.

Before co-founding NG Bio, Mohammad was a key life science investor at a family office, where he successfully founded and led the expansion of their life sciences strategy. Under his leadership, the portfolio achieved an impressive track record of over 3.5x returns in just six years. His responsibilities encompassed deal sourcing, due diligence, growth strategy, and exit planning. He also played a pivotal role as an Investment Committee member and served on the boards of several portfolio companies, where his insights and guidance were instrumental in driving value.



Caitlin Moran
Journalist, Broadcaster & Author

Caitlin Moran is a sharp-witted British journalist and author who transforms cultural commentary into compelling narratives that resonate with readers worldwide. Her incisive perspective bridges entertainment and social analysis.

As a twice-weekly columnist for The Times, Caitlin has garnered prestigious recognitions including Columnist of the Year and Writer of the Year at the British Press Awards. Her book "How to Be a Woman" was named among The Sunday Times' "Most Influential Books of the 2000s," establishing her as a defining voice in modern feminism.

Caitlin's work addresses contemporary challenges facing organisations and individuals navigating rapidly evolving social landscapes. Through humour and unflinching honesty, she provides frameworks for understanding complex cultural shifts, offering practical insights on gender dynamics, workplace culture, and authentic communication that businesses increasingly recognise as essential to success.



Jane Lewis
Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer & Women's Health Lead, ABHI

A finance professional and business partner, Jane boasts 22 years' experience in the healthcare industry and is a fellow of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Currently working as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer alongside her role as a Non-Executive Director of a Social Housing Trust, Jane has extensive experience of analysing and understanding a business to guide positive change.

Jane is responsible for management of ABHI's financial processes and risk management procedures, as well as guiding ABHI's work in Health Inequalities and Women's Health.



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