

## **CONSULTATION TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITHOUT A COMPETITION: LIVERPOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH NHS TRUST**

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code on Public Appointments (the Governance Code) by NHS Improvements (NHSI) to make an appointment, exceptionally, without a competition.

Ministers have delegated their responsibilities under the Code to NHSI in order for them to make chair and non-executive director appointments to NHS Trusts.

The Governance Code requires the appointing authority to consult the Commissioner in good time before the appointment is made and to make the decision public alongside their reasons for doing so.

### *Appointing authority's reasons for making an appointment without competition*

NHSI has decided to appoint Dr Robert Beardall as non-executive director (NED) of Liverpool Community Health NHS trust (LCH) without putting the post out to open competition. It is proposed that Dr Beardall be appointed for one year or until LCH has been dissolved, whichever occurs first as part of new management arrangements at LCH in the period before it is formally acquired by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (MCFT).

The current expectation is that this will be within the next 12 months.

### *Appointee*

#### Dr Robert Beardall

Dr Robert Beardall has served as Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee of Mersey Care. He has a broad medical leadership background with over 24 years' experience in family and aerospace medicine, clinical quality improvement, population health management, clinical epidemiology and health informatics. He is Managing Director of Health Synectics Ltd, a company that provides consultancy services in the areas of clinical integration, population health management and clinical performance optimisation.

*Commissioner's response to the Consultation*

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has considered the assessment of NHS Improvements and is content with the proposal to appoint Dr Beardall without competition to the post of NED of Liverpool Community Health NHS Trust for a maximum period of twelve months or until the Trust is wound up, if sooner.

**On behalf of the Commissioner for Public Appointments  
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