

# Health Care UK: A Radical Rethink

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Participant Biographies



### **Dr Amar Ahmed**

Amar has been a GP partner and trainer for the past 23 years in Cheshire after graduating from Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital Medical School (UMDS). He was chairman of the Conservative Policy Forum (Public Sector and Infrastructure) between 2011 and 2015, informing manifesto policy for David Cameron's cabinet. He has pioneered the polyclinic model at his practice which is one of only a few GP surgeries in the country to offer in-house diagnostic scans and echocardiography which have improved wait times for cancer and heart failure diagnoses. Dr Ahmed has also been an early adopter of technology in primary care and has helped various Healthtech companies improve primary care pathways and efficiencies. His new primary care triage model (The Wilmslow Triage System) has helped improve efficient access to primary care for patients across the country. His innovations have helped his practice buck the trend in patient satisfaction and is one of the highest Google-rated GP surgeries in the country.



### **Professor Guy Boersma**

Guy is a health & care change agent, charity trustee, coach and mediator. Still involved at Kent Surrey Sussex Academic Health Science Network, he has just started a role co-ordinating the leading-edge GP consortium and its charity at the Bromley by Bow Centre (cited as the birthplace of Social Prescribing in the NHS). He also serves as Healthcare Denmark's UK Ambassador, Board Trustee at Sue Ryder and Visiting Professor of Translational & Experimental Medicine at University of Surrey. Guy brings a wealth of implementation science 'know how' and public service experience from central government and the health & care service frontline. At home in both public and private sectors, he convenes creative partnerships, collaborates generously with partners whilst working together with them on systems change, effective joint working and increasing impact.

Guy grew up in Yorkshire, left for London University and still lives in London with his only child and their dog, where he supports Sunderland Football Club and escapes to the Scottish countryside with a walking boots and a good book for holidays.



### **Professor Sir Leszek Borysiewicz MA PhD FRS FRCP FMedSci**

Sir Leszek was appointed as a Trustee to Cancer Research UK in July 2016 and as Chair from November 2016 to October 2023. He also serves on the Councils of the Courtauld Institute, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore) and Imperial College.

Following a distinguished academic and clinical research career and prior to his appointment as Vice-Chancellor at the University of Cambridge in 2010, Sir Leszek's roles included Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council and Deputy Rector of Imperial College London. He was also a founding Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and elected Fellow of the Royal Society. His work in vaccines included Europe's first trial of a vaccine for human papillomavirus to treat cervical cancer at the University of Cardiff and funded by Cancer Research UK.

He was knighted in 2001 for his pioneering work in vaccines.



### **Dr Stephen Bradley**

Stephen is a clinical academic who researches ways to improve cancer diagnosis in primary care. He also has wide ranging policy interests including addressing biases and improving transparency in health research, achieving greater utilisation of health data and tackling inequalities in health.

Stephen works as a GP for Bevan Healthcare, a community interest company serving groups including those experiencing homeless and people seeking asylum and recent immigrants to the UK. He also serves as clinical lead for cancer for Leeds Integrated Care Board.



### **Eleanor Clarke**

Eleanor is studying a PhD in Psychology at Edge Hill University. With a strong passion for working to improve mental health, her research focuses on how people use social interaction to alleviate loneliness, an issue that was brought to light whilst working as a Psychological Well-being Practitioner for MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust during the pandemic.

Eleanor is designing a series of studies to investigate facial social cues such as smiles, eye gaze and pupillometry, alongside a longitudinal project considering how people identify internal constructs such as loneliness, self-esteem, depression and anxiety.



### **Nuala Close**

Nuala has over 30 years of cancer experience in a variety of clinical and executive board roles in both the NHS and Private sector. She was until recently Vice President of Cancer for HCA UK- responsible for the optimisation of cancer services across the UK.

Prior to this she was CEO of The Harley Street Clinic and Leaders in Oncology Care. Nuala has held several senior clinical roles including Lead Cancer Nurse and Radiation Services Manager at Barts Health and Chief Nurse/Clinical Director at The London Clinic.

Nuala is also a program facilitator and mentor for Windsor Leadership which provides transformational leadership programmes.



### **Martin Curley**

Martin is Professor of Innovation at Maynooth University and Director of the Digital Health Ecosystem at the Innovation Value Institute. Most recently Martin was CIO and Director of Digital Transformation and Innovation at Ireland's Health Service Executive (HSE), responsible for driving the digital transformation of Ireland's health service. Martin is chair of the UNGA Digital Health Symposium and has previously held senior executive positions in Intel, Mastercard, General Electric and Philips in the USA, Ireland and the Netherlands. As Vice President and director of Intel Labs Europe he grew Intel's R&D presence to over 55 R&D labs in over 15 European countries. He is author of eight books on Innovation, Digital and Entrepreneurship. In 2022 Martin was identified as a top 10 global influential, inspiring and impactful health leader/educator by three international business and health magazines.



### **Professor Ilora Baroness Finlay of Llandaff FRCP FRCGP FMedSci FHEA FLSW**

A Crossbench Peer in the House of Lords, a Deputy Speaker, currently serving on the Special Inquiry Committee on the Integration of Primary and Community Care.

She has focused on health legislation, securing the Chief Coroner, banning smoking in public places, listing palliative care as a core NHS service and regulating high-street cosmetic procedures; served on the House of Lords Select Committee on the Assisted Dying Bill; chaired the Allergy Inquiry and co-chairs several All-Party Parliamentary Groups, including Global Health.

She chairs the Commission on Alcohol Harms; CO Research Trust; the Bevan Commission in Wales and was Vice-chair of NICE's ME/CFS guideline. She established Living & Dying Well, a think-tank around end-of-life issues, and co-authored the book

'Death by Appointment'. She is on The Times Commission on Health and Social Care; the International Scientific Expert Committee, Cicely Saunders Institute, Kings College London; and the Health and Care Research Wales Advisory Board.

She established the Cardiff University Palliative Care Diploma/MSc in 1989. She led Palliative Care strategy implementation in Wales, providing 24/7 advice, 7 day specialist palliative care services and advised a funding formula for services, including paediatric and transitional palliative care.

As The Johanna Bijtel visiting chair, Groningen University, and in Caen's Baclesse Cancer Centre she supported palliative care services development and teaching. She chaired the National Mental Capacity Forum for 6 years, creating rapid-response webinars during Covid.

An Honorary Professor at Cardiff University, she has over 240 papers in peer-reviewed journals, was Welsh Woman of the Year 1996, Dod's Peer of the Year 2008, Livery Company of Wales' lifetime achievement award 2014, and a Founding Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales 2010. She was listed in the 100 most influential Women in Westminster by Politics Home in 2022 and in 2023.

She is President of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, a past-President of the Royal Society of Medicine, BMA, Medical Women's Federation and the Association for Palliative Medicine, and Vice-President of several charities, including City Hospice, Hospice UK and Marie Curie.



### **Professor Mary Gospodarowicz**

Mary, University Professor at the University of Toronto and former director of the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto and a former Regional Vice-President of Cancer Care Ontario, is a radiation oncologist with longstanding interest in clinical trials in radiotherapy. Her current interests include global cancer control, global access to radiotherapy, and quality cancer care. Mary is a Past-President of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). She co-chairs the Lancet Commission on Cancer and Health Systems and the Lancet Oncology Commission on Cancer in the Commonwealth. She is member of the Board of Directors of the City Cancer Challenge.



### **Dr Clare Hague**

Clare is Managing Director of Oncology Access Solutions Ltd (est. 2023). She has spent the past 18 years as a Cancer Health Economist within the Pharmaceutical Industry for companies such as Janssen, Celgene, Biogen, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, AstraZeneca and Asta Medica. Clare holds a PhD in Health Economics (funded via an MRC Fellowship), an LLM in Healthcare Ethics & Law (with Distinction) and a BA (Hons) in International Business. She sits as a member on Greater Manchester Central Research Ethics Committee and is a Lecturer and Academic Supervisor in Health Technology Assessment (HTA) at the University of Lucerne, Switzerland. Her research interests include value-based healthcare, health literacy and human rights & healthcare legislation and regulation.



### **Sir David Haslam**

Sir David is Chair of the charity Young Lives vs Cancer, and a Non-Executive Director of an NHS Trust in Dorset. He was previously Chair of NICE. President and Chairman of the Royal College of General Practitioners, President of the BMA, and was a GP in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, for over 35 years. He was awarded CBE in 2004, knighted in 2018 for services to NHS Leadership, and his latest book – "Side Effects: How Our Healthcare Lost Its Way – And How We Fix It" –was made Book of the Week in the Observer, and listed in Waterstones Best Books of 2022.



### **Professor Mark Lawler**

Mark is Professor of Digital Health and Chair in Translational Cancer Genomics at Queen's University Belfast. He is Co-lead of the All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI). He is Scientific Director of DATA-CAN, the UK's Health Data Research Hub for Cancer. Mark is Chair of the International Cancer Benchmarking Partnership, which sets a benchmark for cancer outcomes globally. He is Chair of the recently published *Lancet Oncology European Groundshot Commission*, the most comprehensive analysis of cancer research in Europe ever, which reimagines cancer research and its implementation across Europe. Mark has a strong commitment to patient-centred research and addressing cancer inequalities. He was architect of the European Cancer Patient's Bill of Rights, launched in the European Parliament (World Cancer Day). He received the *2018 European Health Award*, a prestigious award for partnerships that yield real health impact in Europe. His pioneering work on Covid-19 and cancer received the *Royal College of Physicians Excellence in Patient Care Award* and the prestigious *European Communique Award*, which recognised the use of data to enhance cancer services and effect policy change. He leads the European Cancer Organisation's European Cancer Pulse which captures data intelligence to inform mitigation of cancer inequalities. In 2021, Mark received the *Irish Association for Cancer Research's Outstanding Contribution to cancer research award*, for his pioneering work on cancer research and care on the island of Ireland. In 2022, he and his team won the prestigious HDR-UK *Impact of the Year Award* for providing the crucial intelligence to inform a change in policy for treating colorectal cancer.



### **David Lawson**

David is Director of Medical Technology at the Department of Health and Social Care having commenced the role in 2022.

In this role, David is responsible for Medical Technology Policy and is the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for the implementation of the Government's inaugural Medical Technology Strategy published in February. Key initiatives include implementation of a national Product Information Management (PIM) system with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), multi-tech assessments of product categories by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), new £30m Health Tech Accelerated Adoption Fund with NHS England, and reform of the £1.3b Part IX Drug Tariff.

David is also SRO for the Innovative Devices Access Pathway (IDAP) which was launched in September to apply a joined up approach across MHRA, NICE and NHSE for novel technology that addresses an unmet need. He is also SRO for the £424m Ambulance Radio Programme (ARP) which is focused on replacing 32 control room systems and installing new mobile data systems into over 6,000 ambulance vehicles. Immediately prior to this, David was the Chief Procurement Officer at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust – a position he held for 21 years – and is a double winner of the Supply Chain Excellence Award in 2008 and 2021.



### **Paul Lomas**

Paul studied Natural Sciences and Law (Cambridge) and has an MBA (INSEAD). He was a senior litigation partner in a global law firm, ran parts of the firm and led a rebuild the firm's global operating model. His practice covered many areas (commercial, competition/regulatory/economic, white collar crime, financial services, art) with a focus on corporate crises. Since leaving, he sits on the Competition Appeal Tribunal, has been chair of various organisations and has run a series of legal/political projects on such matters as Brexit, applying the Recall of MPs Act to Boris Johnson, and a Commission to restore higher standards of effective governance in the UK





### **Ms Siobhan McShane**

Siobhan was an Intern at St George's House from 2018-2019. She has returned to act as Rapporteur for a number of consultations since then. She currently works as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Officer and Higher Education Officer for Lewisham Virtual School.



### **Dr Rima Makarem**

Rima has 16 years' experience working at board level within the NHS and has an in-depth understanding of patient engagement, health and care integration, as well as research and innovation.

She is currently Chair of Sue Ryder, a charity that supports people living with a terminal illness, neurological condition or who have lost someone. Rima also chairs the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board, a legal partnership between the NHS, local authorities, the VCSE and other stakeholders serving a population of 1.1 million.

Other roles in her portfolio include Lay Council member for the General Pharmaceutical Council, Trustee at LifeArc (formerly Medical Research Council Technology), and Chair of Queen Square Enterprises Ltd. She has previously been the Senior Independent Director & Audit Chair of NICE; and the Audit Chair and an External Commissioner at the UK House of Commons Commission, working closely with the Speaker and the Leader of the House. Rima holds an MBA from INSEAD, a PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Manchester and a BA in Biological Sciences from Cambridge University.



### **Michelle Mitchell OBE**

Michelle is responsible for the leadership and direction of CRUK, the world's leading cancer charity dedicated to saving lives through research, influence and information.

She has transformed a number of not-for-profit organisations to better their purpose and global impact during her career. At CRUK, Michelle has helped put the charity on a strong footing to achieve its vision of bringing about a world where everyone can lead longer, better lives, free from the fear of cancer.

Michelle is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Cambridge's Homerton College and was awarded an OBE in 2015 for services to the charity sector.



### **Professor Pat Price MA MD FRCP FRCR**

Pat trained in general medicine in Cambridge and in oncology at the Royal Marsden Hospital. She has been a clinical oncology consultant for 35 years; as a clinical academic oncologist at Hammersmith Hospital and in 2000, she established the first Ralston Paterson Chair in Radiation Oncology at the Christie Hospital and set up the new Wolfson Molecular Imaging Centre at the University of Manchester. Pat returned to Imperial College in 2010 as Visiting Professor in Oncology and is now involved in a large-scale international research programme to develop new quantitative in vivo imaging technology as well as a large scale biology and physics programme to develop laser based productions of high energy ions for new therapy in cancer. Professor Pat Price.

Pat founded and is Chair of Trustees of the national charity Radiotherapy UK which is appointed as the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Radiotherapy (APPGRT) aiming to improve radiotherapy in the UK APPG for Radiotherapy. She set up the high profile #CatchUpWithCancer campaign during Covid to lobby the Government for a new national cancer recovery plan. She also co-founded the Global Coalition for Radiotherapy which has developed a radiotherapy taskforce to support cancer therapy in Ukraine during the current conflict.



### **Sarah Quinlan MBE**

Organisation: Radiotherapy UK

Area of expertise : Not for profit/ Advocacy for change

Sarah, is a passionate advocate for the rights and dignity of cancer patients in the UK. She has a strong track record in advocating for change, frontline delivery, and organisational development. As the director of Radiotherapy UK since 2022, she has been instrumental in developing the charity's support services, advocating for increased provision of high-quality radiotherapy services throughout the UK, and amplifying the voices of radiotherapy patients and the workforce.

Sarah leads with integrity and enthusiasm, providing strategic drive and experience that consistently deliver outstanding supports to those she works with and for. Her work transforming support services for children and young people with congenital heart disease was recognised in the award of an MBE in 2018.



### **Professor Sir Mike Richards CBE MD FRCP**

Mike was an academic cancer physician specialising largely in breast cancer before being appointed as England's first National Cancer Director in 1999. After 13 years in that role he was appointed as the first Chief inspector of Hospitals at the Care Quality Commission, where he led the development and implementation of a new approach to inspecting, rating and regulating hospitals, mental health, community and ambulance services.

Since retiring in 2017 he has led reviews of screening and diagnostic services in the NHS on behalf of government and NHS England, which he is now working to see implemented. He chairs the UK National Screening Committee, which advises all four countries on screening programmes for cancer and other conditions.



### **Dr Susannah Stanway MBChB MSc FRCP MD**

Susannah has volunteered, trained or worked in the NHS for 32 years. She is a consultant medical oncologist in the UK at the Royal Marsden Hospital and Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) specializing in breast cancer. She has an interest in cancer care in low-income, fragile and conflict affected settings where she works collaboratively with colleagues on capacity building. She established and runs London Global Cancer Week and has co-founded the UK and Ireland Global Cancer Network. She teaches in the UK on global health and cancer (for example at the ICR, UCL and LSHTM on the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Course) and internationally. She sits on the ECO inequalities network and has historically been on the ESMO global policy committee. Alongside reducing between-country cancer outcome inequalities she has an interest in reducing within-country inequalities in the UK for example sitting on Breast Cancer Now Inequalities Funding Committee, contributing to the recently published Health Policy Partnership toolkit (Inclusion by design: building equity in clinical trials through the lens of metastatic breast cancer) and advocating. She sits on the Development Board of Breast Cancer Now, editorial board of eCancer and has recently been invited to the board of a pan-Abrahamic faith peacebuilding organisation. She lives in London with her husband and four children and is learning Arabic and Russian.



### **Professor Richard Sullivan**

Richard is Professor of Cancer and Global Health at King's College London and Guy's Comprehensive Cancer Centre. He is Director, Institute of Cancer Policy & Director, Centre for Conflict & Health Research at King's. He is an NCD advisor to World Health Organisation, World Bank and various international organisations as well as a non-resident fellow of Centre for Global Development. His global cancer research programs cover cancer systems strengthening, political economy, as well as studies into social welfare and cancer care in conflict.

He also directs several major research programs in conflict and health with a special focus on the Middle East, including Health Security Intelligence, Global Health Security and health systems strengthening in conflict. Professor Sullivan trained in surgical oncology (urology) with a PhD in Biochemistry. Richard was formally Clinical Director of Cancer Research UK and Director, of the Council for Emerging National Security Affairs.



### **Lord Waldegrave of North Hill**

William is the Provost of Eton College and Senior Adviser at Coutts. He is a Distinguished Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford and an Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

He served as a Conservative Member of the British Parliament from 1979 to 1997 (representing the Bristol West constituency) including sixteen years' service as a Minister, of which seven years were as a Cabinet Minister (Minister of Agriculture, Chief Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State for Health, and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster with responsibility for the Civil Service Reform and Science).

Educated at Oxford University and Harvard (a Kennedy Scholar), before entering Parliament he worked in the Cabinet Office in Whitehall; as Political Secretary to Prime Minister Edward Heath; and for GEC Ltd.

From 1998-2008 he worked in the City, first at Deutsche Kleinwort Benson and then UBS. Lord Waldegrave was Chairman of Coutts from 2014-2022. He is Director of a family farming business in Somerset. He has served on the boards of a number of companies.

Lord Waldegrave is the former Chancellor of the University of Reading, former Chairman of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, former Chairman of the Rhodes Trust, a Founder Trustee of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (South Africa), former Chairman of the National Museum of Science and Industry and a former Trustee of Cumberland Lodge. He has published three books; 'The Binding of Leviathan' (1978), 'A Different Kind of Weather' (2015) and 'Three Circles into One' (2019).



### **Ian Walker Bsc PhD MBA**

Ian is the Executive Director for Policy, Information and Communications at Cancer Research UK. He was appointed to the CRUK Board in 2021 and is responsible for developing and implementing strategic priorities across policy, information and communications and has over 15 years' combined experience dedicated to advancements in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

First appointed as a CRUK Director in 2013, Ian has held several high impact roles within the charity across basic, translational and clinical research. He brings a wealth of relevant experience to the board, having advised on several of the charity's key campaigns to inform government policy around the provision of life-saving cancer research, including the push for the protection and restoration of clinical research activity within the NHS during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ian is a trustee for the Association of Medical Research Charities (AMRC) and has previously held a non-executive role in the biotechnology sector.

Ian holds a Biochemistry BSc with honours and a PhD from the University of Leeds. He also holds an MBA with distinction from Warwick Business School.



### **Siyi Wang**

Siyi is a PhD candidate at the University of Sheffield. Prior to studying for her doctorate in the department of sociological studies, she received a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Media from Hohai University, China, and a Master's Degree in Global Media and Communication from the University of Leicester. Siyi's doctoral research investigates the UK's migrant Chinese women's mental health needs in seeking postnatal social support from peers through digital platforms. The research aims to provide insight into the UK's understanding of, and thereby increase the quality of health services for, this group.



### **Dr William Warr PhD**

William is Senior Vice President for Global Health Strategy. In this capacity, he leads the development and implementation of partnerships between BioNTech, governments, health systems, universities, and NGOs across the world. William served for three years as a health adviser in the government of the United Kingdom (UK), including during the global COVID-19 pandemic. He was closely involved in many aspects of the UK's response, such as clinical trials, testing, and the roll-out of vaccines. He also contributed to the design and implementation of the UK Government's broader public health policies.

Prior to this role, he wrote the 2017 UK's Life Sciences Industrial Strategy for the physician Prof. Sir John Bell, with a focus on genomics, artificial intelligence, and early disease detection. This involved designing and creating one of the UK's largest cohort studies at that time titled "Our Future Health", aiming to recruit 5 million people to improve early detection and prevention of disease. William has a Ph.D. from Oxford University in Public Health and a master's degree from Cambridge University in Public Policy. He is also a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Global Health Innovation at Imperial College London, and an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Oxford. In his free time, he enjoys sport, including rowing. He rowed in the Boat Race for both Oxford and Cambridge, winning it with Oxford, and is a GB rowing gold medallist.



### **Sarah Woolnough**

Sarah is CEO of Asthma + Lung UK, leading the fight to improve care and support for everyone with a lung condition. She oversees all aspects of the organisation. Sarah is Co-Chair of the NHS England National Respiratory Board, which directs NHS England's efforts to improve outcomes for those with lung disease. She also sits on the Board of the Accelerating Access Collaborative, a key government initiative aimed at encouraging swifter adoption of new technologies and treatments to tackle ill health. Sarah has a background in policy and communications, having spent many years as Executive Director of Policy, Information and Communications at Cancer Research UK, has worked in the civil service, Parliament and at membership organisation, the Sport and Recreation Alliance. Sarah is a Trustee of mental health research charity MQ, a member of the Richmond Group of health charities and a previous trustee of ASH, the Association of Medical Research Charities, the National Cancer Research Institute and Bliss, the special care baby charity.

Sarah is passionate about improving outcomes for all those with a lung condition and reversing the historic lack of investment in lung research. Sarah has led several successful public health campaigns and is a vocal campaigner for clean air.

Sarah has 4 young children who keep her busy outside of work. If there is a spare moment, she enjoys swimming and visiting friends and family, particularly in mid-Wales.





## **Sarah Wootton**

Sarah is the CEO of Dignity in Dying and its sister charity, Compassion in Dying. She believes that end-of-life care fit for the 21st century should allow dying people choice and control over how they die. Dignity in Dying's campaign has exposed the consequences of the UK's blanket ban on assisted dying and drawn attention to the safe practice of assisted dying laws around the world. Dignity in Dying is supporting bills in the Isle of Man, Jersey and Scotland, as well as inquiries in Westminster and the Republic of Ireland. Compassion in Dying is a service provider and the UK's biggest provider of Living Wills. Compassion in Dying supports people to make informed choices, start honest conversations about death and dying, and record and revisit their wishes whenever they want to.