

Lincolnshire Research and Innovation Conference 2025



09:00	Check-in & Networking
09:30	Welcome Dr Sunil Hindocha - Medical Director, Lincolnshire ICB Prof Duncan French - Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of College of Health & Science, UoL Baroness Merron - Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Health & Social Care
09:45	Research Keynote: Dr Kieran Walsh - BMJ Clinical Director & a national leader for medical education with over 200 research publications
10:30	Lincs background/ambition Mr John Turner - Chief Executive of Lincolnshire ICB
10:50	Break
11:20	Showcasing Lincs R&I successes
11:30	Lincs R&I Panel Discussion Andy Fox - Public Health Consultant, Lincolnshire County Council Kaatje Lomme - Strategic Development Director, EMRRDN Kathie McPeake - Macmillan Cancer Development Manager, Lincolnshire ICB Prof Kelvin Lee - Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, Lincolnshire Community and Hospital NHS Group Prof Taz Aldawoud - Founder & CEO, Doc Abode Facilitated by Prof Jaspreet Phull - Consultant in Forensic & General Adult Psychiatry and Deputy Medical Director of LPFT & Lincolnshire ICB
12:15	Lunch
13:15	Showcasing Lincs R&I successes
13:25	Winning Poster Presentations + Q&A - Facilitated by Prof Ciro Rinaldi - Director of Research & Innovation and Deputy Medical Director, Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group & Lincolnshire ICB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Career Researcher • Mid Career Researcher • Advanced Researcher • Innovation
15:00	Break
15:30	Innovation Keynote: Dr Julie Kirk - Consultant Community Paediatrician, Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group Eddie Alder - Programme Delivery Director, Health Innovation East Midlands
16:20	Closing Speech
16:30	End of Day

Speakers & Facilitators

Welcome



DR SUNIL HINDOCHA

Medical Director, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board

I am a GP partner at a practice in Lincoln city centre and have a strong connection to the area, having lived and worked in Lincolnshire for over 30 years. I bring more than 15 years of board-level experience, including my time as Chief Executive Officer of the local commissioning group.

From 2013 to 2019, I served as the Accountable Officer for the Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group, while continuing my role as a GP at Portland Medical Practice in Lincoln.

Currently, I am the Medical Director for the ICB, where I led the clinical redesign of the colorectal pathway. I also chair the Clinical and Care Directorate—a forum I helped establish to bring together professionals from across disciplines to support evidence-based, data-driven, clinically led pathway redesign.

I am passionate about the value of research and innovation and its potential to significantly improve patient outcomes.

PROFESSOR DUNCAN FRENCH

Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of College of Health & Science,
University of Lincoln

Professor Duncan French is Pro Vice Chancellor and Head of the College of Health & Science at the University of Lincoln (UoL). The College includes a broad span of science subjects — such as the Lincoln Institute for Agri-food Technology & the National Centre for Food Manufacturing— as well as medicine & health-related fields, including Lincoln Medical School, the School of Health and Care Sciences, the School of Psychology, Sport Science & Wellbeing, & the Lincoln Institute for Rural and Coastal Health. Together, these provide education, training, and research across a wide range of health-cognate disciplines. Duncan chairs the NHS Lincolnshire – UoL Joint Steering Group. He was recently confirmed by NHSE as the University Nominated Non-executive Director of ULTH NHS Trust, now serving on the combined Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group Board.



Duncan's path to being PVC of this College may be unusual. Duncan is a Professor of International Law, & a leading academic on international environmental law & the international legal implications of climate change and sustainable development - writing extensively in these areas. He's also written on broader questions of treaty law, international economic and investment law, and international dispute settlement. He has secondary research interests in international law of the sea & Antarctica. He's also undertaken consultancy work with the UN. Previously Duncan was PVC / Head of the College of Social Science & Head of Lincoln Law School. Before that he worked at the Universities of Sheffield & Reading.



BARONESS GILLIAN MERRON

Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Department of Health and Social Care

Baroness Gillian Merron was appointed Minister for Patient Safety, Women's Health and Mental Health in July 2024. Her portfolio responsibilities also include life sciences, medical technology, and innovation. MP for Lincoln between 1997 and 2010, she was Minister of State for Public Health. She also served in the last Labour Government as a Minister in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Cabinet Office,

Department for International Development, and the Department for Transport, as well as a Senior Whip. Formerly Chief Executive of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Gillian was elevated to the House of Lords in April 2021 and served on the Opposition front bench as Shadow Minister for Health and Social Care.

Research Keynote

DR KEIRAN WALSH

BMJ Clinical Director

Dr Kieran Walsh is Clinical Director at BMJ. He is the clinical lead of the medical education and clinical decision support products at BMJ. He has a vast amount of experience in online medical education, clinical decision support, face to face delivery of medical education, and both summative and formative assessment.

He has published over 200 papers in the biomedical literature and has published four books: the first and only book on cost effectiveness in medical education; a dictionary of quotations in medical education; a history of medical education in 100 images; and the Oxford Textbook of Medical Education.

He is a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Educators, and Adjunct Associate Professor at Monash University. In the past, he has worked as a hospital doctor specialising in General Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine.



Lincolnshire's R&I Background & Ambitions Address



MR JOHN TURNER

Chief Executive, NHS Lincolnshire ICB

John is the Chief Executive of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). The ICB has responsibility for leading and co-ordinating Lincolnshire's NHS and for working with a wide range of partners to improve health and tackle health inequalities in the county. The ICB serves a population of over 780,000 people, covers a large and predominantly rural area, and has an annual budget of £1.5bn.

John has over 35 years' experience of management and leadership in the NHS in England and Scotland, including 28 years in Chief Executive roles serving NHS Trusts, NHS Health Boards and NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups. Prior to taking on his current role, John was Chief Executive of the NHS Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

PROF MARK GUSSY

Director of LIRCH & a Global Professor in Rural Health and Social Care

Mark Gussy is Director of the Lincoln Institute for Rural and Coastal Health (LIRCH) and Global Professor of Rural Health and Social Care. As an expert in rural and coastal health, he is focused on exploring the broader social and structural determinants of health and challenging entrenched, exclusionary systems that disadvantage the most vulnerable.

He is committed to ensuring that marginalised communities have access to the resources and support they need for optimal health and wellbeing. Professor Gussy has a particular interest and experience in systems of care/treatment services and working with people and groups that sit outside mainstream service and social systems. His work is transdisciplinary and spans health service research, clinical care, community and participatory research, and equity and inclusion.



Innovation Keynotes



EDDIE ALDER

Programme Delivery Director, Health Innovation East Midlands (HIEM)

Eddie supports collaboration across Health Innovation East Midlands (HIEM) and directs HIEMs portfolios of innovation implementation and improvement projects, including the Patient Safety Collaborative.

Previously Eddie was the Head of Patient Safety at HEIM and is a nurse by background. He has worked in a range of NHS clinical leadership and improvement roles across the East Midlands.

Eddie chairs the Health Innovation Networks national working group for innovations within mental health, learning disability and neurodiversity pathways.

He is a member of the national ADHD taskforce, experts in evidence subgroup, and ADHD clinical reference group for Dept Health and Social Care and NHS England, and the MHRA / NICE working group for digital mental health technologies. Eddie is a regional board member of the Royal College of Nursing in the East Midlands.

DR JULIE KIRK

Consultant Community Paediatrician, Grantham and District Hospital.
Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group

I'm originally a Leicester girl and moved to study medicine in 1979 at Newcastle University. My first career plan was to work in General Practice but after completing this training, in the Hull/York/Leeds area, I decided I wasn't cut out to be a GP. However, I had loved my Paediatric attachment during this training, so I looked for a career move.



I have been working as a Community Paediatrician in Lincolnshire since 1990, from then till current day my role has evolved and changed so much it bears little resemblance to the original job plan. My first ADHD clinics were in the early 1990's when little was understood about the condition in the UK and the only treatments available were short acting stimulants.

Since then I have become very experienced in assessing and treating ADHD and this, along with ASD assessments, is almost my entire clinical caseload. I have been instrumental in driving through changes to our Lincolnshire ADHD assessment pathway to include a QB test. I also had the honour of being the clinical Lead on the NHS England national program to support other trusts to adopt use of QB test.

I currently work 3 days per week and enjoy spending my leisure time with my family, especially my first grandchild, interior designing my new home and walking with my definitely neurodiverse puppy!!

Research & Innovation Discussion Panel



ANDY FOX, BA MPH FFPH FRSPH

Consultant in Public Health, Lincolnshire County Council & Training Programme Director, East Midlands School of Public Health, NHS England

Andy Fox is a Consultant in Public Health in Lincolnshire, and is the system clinical lead for prevention & health inequalities. Andy has a regional role as a Training Programme Director for the East Midlands School of Public Health, and a national role with a NICE technology appraisal committee, which has seen him be the clinical lead for national appraisals of innovative technologies such as Lecanemab and Donanemab. Andy has taught at Sheffield, Lincoln & Nottingham medical schools, and has significant experience innovating in secondary data research & analysis, and service delivery and design; all usually with the aim of increasing preventative effect and reducing inequalities in access & outcomes. Andy sees himself primarily as an innovator and user of research; the goal every day being to use all that we know as effectively as possible to maximise health gain in the populations we serve, or, putting it another way, 'to do the most damn good we can.'

KAATJE LOMME

Strategic Development Director, EMRRDN

Kaatje is the Strategic Development Director of the East Midlands Regional Research Delivery Network which is part of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). The RDN has two primary purposes: to support the successful delivery of high-quality research, as an active partner in the research system and to increase capacity and capability of the research delivery infrastructure for the future.



Prior to this role Kaatje worked in both the CRN Coordinating Centre and Local Clinical Research Networks, having previously worked for the Mental Health Research Network. Kaatje's career has focussed on delivering strategic initiatives at regional, national and UK scale focussing on a range of areas. Kaatje has a MA in Social and Cultural History of Medicine and a BA in Cultures of Knowledge and Technology.



KATHIE MCPEAKE

Macmillan Cancer Development Manager, Lincolnshire ICB NHS

Originally training as a surveyor, Kathie has over 30 years' experience of working in the public sector in housing, community development, public health and the NHS in both urban and rural settings and has significant experience of the wider determinants of health, health inequalities and partnership and collaborative working. Coming to work in Lincolnshire in 2015, Kathie has developed the Lincolnshire Self Care and Carers' Support Strategy, and since June 2016 has led the multi award-winning

Lincolnshire Living with Cancer Programme.

Kathie has spoken about her work at national and international conferences and has authored and co-authored peer reviewed journal articles about the Lincolnshire Living with Cancer Programme. Kathie is currently studying for a PhD by Practice Portfolio in Health and Social Care at the University of Lincoln.

PROFESSOR KELVIN LEE, MRCP PHD

Consultant Interventional Cardiologist, Cardiovascular Research Programme Director & CardioMetabolic Programme Lead, Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group

Prof Lee is a Consultant Interventional Cardiologist at the Lincolnshire Heart Centre with special interests in complex coronary intervention, using invasive intra-coronary imaging, rotational atherectomy, intravascular lithotripsy and the study of coronary physiology by iFR and FFR. He leads the Cardiovascular Clinical Research Programme and is the Cardio-Metabolic lead at LCHG with special interests in atherosclerosis and the inflammasome and cardiovascular-renal-metabolic research.

Prof Lee previously trained at the Newcastle University and Hospitals, and was a Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Fellow at the Institute of Human Genetics in Newcastle in Cardiovascular Genomics and was a Young Investigator of the British Cardiac Society.

He leads the Cardiovascular Research Programme in LCHG and has research interests in atherosclerosis and the cardio-renal-metabolic involvement in cardiovascular disease and the inflammasome. He leads the joint cardio-diabetes programme and multi-disciplinary joint cardio-metabolic clinic in LCHG. His team runs research studies in coronary intervention, cardio-diabetes, inflammation, heart failure, obesity and hyperlipidaemia.





DR TAZ ALDAWOUD

Founder & CEO, Doc Abode

Taz is the Founder and CEO of Doc Abode, established in 2016 to transform healthcare delivery through innovative digital solutions.

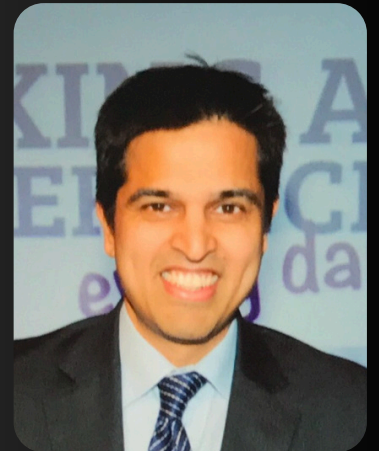
A practicing General Practitioner with an MBA in Strategic Healthcare Management, Taz brings over a decade of senior leadership in NHS Digital Healthcare. He has led national award-winning projects, including Telehealth initiatives, and currently serves as the Chief Clinical Information Officer (CCIO) in West Yorkshire's ICB.

With previous roles as national Clinical Adviser to NHS England's Digital Primary Care Directorate and currently a Non-Executive Director for a regional Urgent Care Social Enterprise provider, Taz is dedicated to advancing urgent and emergency care pathways in the community through digital technology.

FACILITATOR

PROF JASPREET PHULL

Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Visiting Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Lincoln and Deputy Medical Director, Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation NHS Trust & Lincolnshire ICB



Dr Jaspreet Phull is currently working as a Responsible Clinician for a low secure 15 bedded male forensic unit.

He is experienced in all aspects of General Adult and Forensic Psychiatry having worked extensively within the NHS. His roles have included positions in high and medium secure units, rehabilitation units, and community forensic services as well as serving as a visiting psychiatrist in prison.

Jaspreet holds the qualifications of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery and is a Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He is a Section 12 approved doctor under the Mental Health Act 1983 and Access Assessor for Lincolnshire Low Secure Adult Services.

He has authored a book on psychiatric diagnoses, in 2012, co-authored national standards for community forensic services in 2013 and has over 14 peer reviewed journals. His interests are service improvement, clinically relevant research and teaching.

Jaspreet has 2 children. Outside of work he is actively involved in family life and when time allows enjoys watching and playing sports.

R & I Winning Poster Presenters

Early-career Researcher - Victoria Fallow-Green

Mid Career Researcher - Niloofar Amirian

Advanced Researcher - Dr Muhammad Usman Shah

Innovation - Meredith Donaldson

FACILITATOR

PROF CIRO RINALDI

Director of Research & Innovation and Deputy Medical Director,
Lincolnshire Community and Hospitals NHS Group & Lincolnshire ICB

Professor Ciro Rinaldi trained in Italy at University Federico II Naples, where he gained his MD, followed by Haematology specialist training and a PhD in Biotechnology.



During his PhD, he moved to Chicago where he worked in Giuseppina Nucifora's Lab at University of Illinois (UIC), and he published several articles on alternative pathways in MPN and MDS.

He is Consultant Haematologist at United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust specialised in myeloid malignancies including MPN, MDS and AML and he is also Deputy Medical Director and Director of Research and Innovation.

He became Honorary Professor in Haematology at University of Lincoln in 2015 where He leads the MPN/MDS molecular biology lab focusing on Philadelphia-negative MPN and abnormal pathways in MDS.

He is former Chair for the Haematology Expert Clinical Advisory Group (ECAG) Lead for the East Midland.