

GROWING OH&WB: CELEBRATE, SHARE, INSPIRE.



2024 Annual Conference

Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September 2024

Chesford Grange Conference Centre,
Kenilworth, Warwickshire



Dear Colleague

Firstly I'd like to warmly welcome you to our 2024 NHS Health at Work Network Conference - Growing OH&WB: Celebrate, Share, Inspire.

The last 12 months have flown by as we have juggled business as usual as well as faced challenges of measles and pertussis endemics with guidance changes for us to review and embed. So as ever on this occasion, I hope you have chance to take stock, network with colleagues and take time to reflect on your challenges and be inspired to continue the great work that you do.

The national agenda of work and health remains very prominent – both generally and within the NHS. Our NHS leaders know that by investing in our staff then patient outcomes improve, and even with a change in Government this remains a focus. So don't lose hope and despair when constantly faced by challenges. Let's continue to provide that necessary strategic voice to our organisations.

I'm very excited for the very first NHS OHPRAS (OH PROfessionals AwardS) and delighted that we had such an amazing range of applications in our inaugural year. All entries were worthy of being winners and we will soon be sharing some of the inspirational case studies that came out during the process. Thank you to everyone who took the time to apply and share their best practice.

I'm conscious that many others have also been on a development journey and I hope that our Conference will inspire you to go further. We have a great line up of speakers who will explore many subject areas and will consider our role in:

- addressing some of the diverse needs of workers and exploring practical ways of providing advice, guidance and action for their organisations
- considering the barriers we sometimes face and exploring how we can overcome these and learn from others.

I can't believe this will be the last Conference where I am the Chair of the Network. My tenure will conclude at the end of March 2025, but it has been a privilege to represent you all. However I don't intend to stop after this Conference; I will continue to support and work with our new Chair elect to ensure a seamless transition. I am passionate about NHS Occupational Health and will continue to support the profession in any way required to ensure that the Network continues to have a national voice at the table!

So over the next twenty four hours, please celebrate all of the fantastic work taking place in the OH space, share your own best practice and leave being truly inspired at what we do and the difference we all make.

Hilary Winch
Chair, NHS Health at Work Network

Wednesday 11th September	
17.30	Registration
17.45	Reception and exhibition opens
19.25	Welcome – Hilary Winch, Chair, NHS Health at Work Network
19.30	Dinner
21.00	Awards & Entertainment

Thursday 12th September	
08.15	Exhibition opens; Registration
09.15	Welcome Hilary Winch, Chair, NHS Health at Work Network
09.20 – 10.00	'Happy, Healthy, Here: time for us to get radical?' Dr. Peter Thomond, Chief Exec, Clever Together Leadership Tech
10.00 – 10.45	'Perspectives from the HSE' Dr. Steve Forman, Principal Medical Adviser, Health and Work Branch, Health and Safety Executive
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee; Networking; Exhibition
11.15 – 11.20	Welcome back Nicola Bullen, Joint Deputy-Chair, NHS Health at Work Network
11.20 – 12.00	'Developing and delivering occupational health and wellbeing programmes for the diverse NHS workforce: what should we be considering?' Professor Manish Pareek, Chair in Infectious Diseases; Director, Development Centre for Population Health
12.00 – 12.45	'Neurodiversity and occupational health. What you need to know, how you can help, and what employers are asking.' Matt Gupwell, Think Neurodiversity
12.45 – 13.45	Lunch; Networking; Exhibition
13.45 – 13.50	Welcome back Dr. Masood Aga, Joint Deputy-Chair, NHS Health at Work Network
13.50 – 14.20	'Tips you can take away and implement tomorrow to support Neurodivergent employees and assist employers.' Matt Gupwell, Think Neurodiversity
14.20 – 14.50	'The mental health of NHS workers: an overview of the NHS CHECK study.' Dr. Danielle Lamb, Senior Research Fellow, University College London
14.50 – 15.35	'Weaving the thread tightly for the future of occupational health medicine.' Dr. Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council
15.35 – 15.45	Prize Draw and Closing Remarks Hilary Winch, Chair, NHS Health at Work Network

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Dr Steve Forman




Steve is a Consultant Occupational Physician and Principal Medical Adviser in the Health and Safety Executive.

He leads the Occupational Health team in the Health and Work Branch in HSE. Steve provides occupational medicine expertise to colleagues across HSE and external stakeholders in a wide range of sectors.

He provides the clinical oversight for the Approved and Appointed doctor systems for statutory medical surveillance and fitness to work assessments. This includes lead, asbestos, ionising radiation, diving and work in compressed air.

Matt Gupwell



Matt has been obsessed with understanding what being 'different' means since his son was diagnosed with autism at the age of 4. Diagnosed with ADHD, autism, dyslexia, anxiety disorders and in recovery from addiction himself, Matt has the unique ability to blend clinical understanding and research with the experience of working with countless neurodivergent people of all ages and raising two neurodivergent sons.


Matt's reputation as a neurodiversity professional is broad and respected. He has worked as a consultant with the UK Government, ASOS, Sony Pictures, the BBC, Greenwich University, and he is a professional mentor to other people with ADHD and autism. He's the host of the TALKADHD podcast and offers a different approach focusing on people's abilities and potential.

Dr Danielle Lamb



Dr Lamb is a senior research fellow in the NIHR Applied Research Collaborative North Thames at UCL. Her background is in acute mental health service research, particularly Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment Teams and Acute Day Units. Danielle uses mixed methods to evaluate the implementation of complex services and interventions, and she has a particular interest in the wellbeing of those working in health care. She is a co-investigator on the NHS CHECK study (the UK's largest longitudinal cohort study of healthcare worker mental health and wellbeing), and principal investigator on the LC CHECK study (an exploration of Long COVID in healthcare workers).

Professor Manish Pareek



Professor Manish Pareek graduated from the University of Birmingham with an Honours degree in Medicine and undertook general medical training before completing an academic specialist training programme in Infectious Diseases and General Medicine. He is Chair and Honorary Consultant in Infectious Diseases at the University of Leicester and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and the Director of the Centre for Population Health.

He has international expertise in studying health inequalities, developing public health research programmes in infectious diseases, migrant health and ethnic minority health. His research groups have been at the forefront of investigating COVID-19 risk and outcomes in ethnic minority communities. He leads UK-REACH which is a national study of UK healthcare workers and is currently looking at the physical and

mental health of staff and workforce retention. His work has been recognised by awards from the Royal College of Physicians, Federation of Infection Societies and International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

Dr Peter Thomond



Dr Peter Thomond is the Chief Exec and co-founder of Clever Together, and co-founder of the charity SportInspired. He has worked with

brands and organisations across the world and holds a PhD from Cranfield University in strategy and disruptive innovation. Today, Pete supports leaders to transform their approaches to culture change, performance improvement and strategic planning, by bringing together, through deliberative stakeholder engagement people's lived experience, expert evidence, and people with power and passion. In essence, he helps communities to think and act differently, as he delivers well managed open innovation.

Dr Justin Varney

A portrait of Dr Justin Varney, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a blue tie, smiling. He is also wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard around his neck. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Dr Justin Varney,
Director of
Public Health at
Birmingham City
Council has been a
long time advocate
and ally to the OH
medicine community and the health
and work agenda. Justin is a powerful
speaker who brings several decades
of experience within the NHS, national
and local government and a broad
range of strategic leadership and
action at national and international
levels of the public health system to
improve outcomes for people. He is
an honorary fellow of the Faculty of
Occupational Medicine and special
advisor to the Council for Health and
Work.

Hilary Winch

**NHS Health at Work Network
Chair**

Hilary is the Associate Director of Workplace Health, Safety & Wellbeing at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. She qualified as a nurse in 1991 and worked in a variety of nursing roles eventually settling in the field of Occupational Health in 1998. Hilary has worked within industry, private hospital and NHS environments. She commenced her work at Norfolk and Norwich in 2000 and has been promoted within the team to her current role. Hilary is passionate about quality improvement and has been part of the SEQOHS assessor team since the start of the accreditation scheme in 2010. She has project managed MoHaWK, the national occupational health benchmarking and local audit tool since 2013 with Syngentis, and more recently the Faculty of Occupational Medicine. Hilary has been Chair of the NHS Health at Work Network since April 2021.



Dr Masood Aga

**Joint Deputy-Chair
NHS Health at Work Network**

Masood is Director of Occupational Health and Wellbeing at University Hospitals Birmingham. His team provides OH support to a wide array of NHS and commercial organisations in the West Midlands region.

A member of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Masood completed his MSc in Occupational Medicine with Merit from the University of Manchester. He won the Peter Taylor Award for his dissertation 'an investigation into the relationship between workplace factors & sickness absence due to mental health causes in the NHS Trusts in England' in 2016. He is nationally renowned for his contribution to the speciality of Occupational Medicine and was the winner of Outstanding Occupational Health Practitioner Award at the SOM Awards in 2022.

He represents the NHS division on the Association of Local Authority Medical Advisers (ALAMA) Executive Committee, is a clinical and Educational Supervisor. He teaches on national and international Occupational Health courses.



Nicola Bullen

**Joint Deputy-Chair
NHS Health at Work Network**

Nicola Bullen is Associate Director, Occupational Health, Safety & Wellbeing, University Hospitals Derby & Burton NHS Foundation Trust as well as Deputy Senior Responsible Officer, Looking After Our People Programme, Joined Up Care Derbyshire, ICS. In addition, she is Deputy Chair, NHS Occupational Health Network and Treasurer/ Secretary, Health People Management Association, East Midlands.

Nicola has worked in the NHS since 2008, following successful careers in NHS Executive Search and Health Consultancy. Her passion is pushing the boundaries of workplace health and wellbeing, driving innovation for the benefit of keeping our NHS people, healthy, safe and well.

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The University of Manchester

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