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I am a Chief Medical Officer, Deputy CEO and Consultant cardiologist at University Hospitals of Coventry and Warwickshire. I came to that role in 2019 after 6 years as Medical Director for NHS England (West Midlands). I graduated from Kings College, Cambridge University in 1993 and have been a practising Consultant Cardiologist 2005 and continue to practice despite a busy managerial role. I was appointed an Honorary Professor at Warwick and Coventry Universities in 2018.

Academically I was awarded a BHF Fellowship to undertake a PhD at Bristol University where I undertook a study into excitation-contraction coupling in cardiac myocytes using patch clamp techniques. This exposed how cardiac and skeletal muscle contraction were

more similar than dissimilar in terms of contractility. Having developed a subspecialty interest in heart failure I have continued clinical research in heart failure and more recently, into sports cardiology and cardiomyopathy in the athletic heart. I have published widely in terms of thought leadership and management too. I am responsible for the trust Research and Development portfolio as Chief Medical Officer and am keen to see R&D flourish at UHCW, trying to lead by example by researching and publishing where I can.

As a senior NHS leader I have managed significant transformational change not only in cardiac services but as Medical Director for the West Midlands (2014-19), Clinical Director at West Midlands Strategic Health authority (2009-11) and Medical Director for West Mercia PCT Cluster (2011-13).

In the voluntary sector, I have been Chair of trustees to the South Asian Health Foundation charity (which I founded in 1999) since inception. I was also a trustee for 3 terms at the UK Health forum from 2003-12. I am a mentor for the Social Mobility Foundation which encourages and mentors students from deprived communities into the healthcare sector and further education.

In healthcare policy and strategy, he have worked with NICE, the Royal Colleges and the Department of Health for over two decades. I have published papers and books and lectured widely on a national and international scale, not only in the field of cardiology, but more widely on social determinants and healthcare systems and strategy. Such expertise gleaned from both the NHS and voluntary sectors, led to me advising the Public Health Foundation of India on developing healthcare systems in 2009-10 and I also co-authored the UK Ministerial briefing for the UN Summit on non communicable disease in 2011. I currently sit on the board of the BMJ group to drive globalisation of education and training to achieve its mission of a healthier world. As part of that global health system work I recently advised the Thai government and am currently advising the Indonesian government on health system strengthening. I was recognised in the HSJ Top 100 leaders in 2014 and in the HSJ Tote 50 BAME leaders in the same year. In 2021 I was recognised at the 37th most influential UK Asian in the GG2 powerlist.

