

30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Chair Appointment Extended on Lanarkshire NHS Board

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care, Humza Yousaf MSP, today announced an extension to the appointment of Neena Mahal MBE as Chair of Lanarkshire NHS Board.

### CHAIR

**Neena Mahal MBE** has been the Chair of NHS Lanarkshire since 2013. Neena started her career as a qualified careers guidance adviser and has also worked in the field of promoting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. She is passionate about supporting people to fulfil their potential through personal development and mentoring and has experience in working with communities experiencing disadvantage.

She has considerable experience in corporate governance, leadership and strategic management, having served on the Boards of various Public Bodies, charitable and voluntary sector organisations over the last 30 years. This has included the Broadcasting Council for Scotland, National Museums Scotland, BBC Children in Need and The Glasgow Academy, where she was Chair of the Education Committee.

Neena is a Lay Governor on the Court of Glasgow Caledonian University and is Chair of the University's People Committee.

As Chair of NHS Lanarkshire, Neena has been leading the Board through a significant programme of transformational strategic and cultural change. She also contributes to a number of national areas of work including the National Performance Management Committee and the Corporate Governance Steering Group, which is overseeing the implementation of the NHS Blueprint for Good Governance. She is leading on work to improve Diversity on Health Boards and is also contributing to Active Governance and the development of Executive and Non-Executive Board Members.

Neena is privileged to have been commissioned as a Depute Lieutenant for Lanarkshire in 2014 and is Vice Chair of the Lieutenancy's Community and Voluntary Organisations Committee.

She was honoured to have been awarded an MBE for Services to Healthcare in the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Neena brings a broad range of skills to the Board as it responds to the challenges of Covid-19.

## **EXTENSION**

The extension for Neena Mahal MBE will be for six months, running from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

This extension is regulated by the Ethical Standards Commissioner.

## **REMUNERATION**

This extension is part-time and attracts a remuneration of £395.69 per day for a time commitment of four days per week on Board business and other agreed national work.

## **OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Neena Mahal MBE does not hold any other ministerial appointments.

## **POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Neena Mahal MBE has had no political activity over the last five years.

## **BACKGROUND**

NHS Lanarkshire is one of the largest and most complex health economies in Scotland, providing health services across Lanarkshire to a population of around 655,000 with an annual budget of £1.25 billion. NHS Lanarkshire works closely in partnership with 2 local Councils and Integration Boards to deliver improved health and social care for Lanarkshire's local communities. NHS Lanarkshire is a values-driven organisation, with clinical quality, person centred, safe and effective care firmly at the centre of their strategic plans.