

that the recruitment process differs somewhat from that of clinical training posts: Academic Clinical Fellowships are advertised several months prior to the corresponding clinical posts (recruitment window typically October – December), see <https://www.nwpgmd.nhs.uk/nihr-academic-clinical-fellowships-glance> for details. The Academic Foundation Programme recruitment window is the same as that for the national Foundation Programme, however candidates are required to attend an interview in addition to the usual recruitment process. See <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/fp-afp/how-to-apply/academic-training> for details.

CONCLUSION

Academic clinical training in Lancaster, both at the Medical School and the Trust, encompasses a wide variety of clinical specialties and research methodologies, as evidenced by the abstracts above. We intend to build on the success of the Symposium by continuing to hold annual events in order to bring together all of those involved in academic clinical training in the city of Lancaster.

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New UHMBT Chief Executive appointed



Aaron Cummins has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust (UHMBT).

Aaron's appointment follows the decision by the current Chief Executive, Dame Jackie Daniel, to step down from her role at the end of March 2018.

The decision to appoint Aaron was approved by the

UHMBT Council of Governors on Thursday 1 March. It was the final stage of a rigorous selection process that tested the leadership qualities and abilities of shortlisted candidates.

Aaron has been Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance at UHMBT since January 2014.

Ian Johnson, incoming Chair, UHMBT, said: "This Trust has had the benefit of one of the best NHS leaders in Dame Jackie for the last five and a half years, resulting in the organisation being recognised by the Care Quality Commission as 'outstanding' for care with an overall rating of 'good'. Our ambition is to now become 'outstanding' overall.

"I believe we are very fortunate to have secured the services of Aaron to take over from Dame Jackie and continue her legacy of improvement and commitment to quality, and I am quite confident he will do so. Aaron has a great reputation throughout the organisation and beyond, and I'm sure he will have the full support of the workforce."

Dame Jackie Daniel, current Chief Executive, UHMBT, said: "I'm delighted to welcome Aaron to the role of Chief Executive."

Colin Ranshaw, Head Governor, UHMBT, said: "I know Aaron cares deeply about standards of care for patients and ensuring that staff are treated fairly. If he isn't in his office, you can usually find him on a hospital ward talking to staff and patients, and I am confident he will keep this visible approach alive as our next Chief Executive.