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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Independent Chair appointed for Mid and South Essex Success Regime**

The Mid and South Essex Success Regime confirms the appointment of Dr Anita Donley as independent chair. Dr Donley will be in post from 1 April, but intends to start meeting local health and care leaders in Essex as soon as possible.

Dr Donley is a practising consultant physician in acute medicine at Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust, with an interest in care for older people. She is also clinical vice-president of the Royal College of Physicians, a role she has held since election in 2013.

For the Royal College of Physicians (RCP), Anita chairs the *Future Hospital Programme*. The programme helps hospitals and health services to transform care and improve quality, access and sustainability in order to meet patients' needs today and in the future.

In previous national roles, she was national clinical director for VTE (venous thromboembolism), medical director of the national Medical Revalidation Programme and founder board member and chair of the statutory training committee for the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB), a regulatory body for medical postgraduate training.

Speaking on behalf of the tripartite of national organisations, Monitor, NHS England and the Trust Development Authority, Andrew Pike, Director of Operational Commissioning, NHS England (East) said;

“We are extremely pleased to welcome Dr Donley with her vast clinical and leadership experience. While she is a national expert on health service transformation, she is also a local

clinician who cares for patients and works closely with a range of health and social care staff. Anita's insight will be a great benefit to the work in mid and south Essex."

Current interim chair of the Mid and South Essex Success Regime and Managing Director of UCLPartners, Professor Sir David Fish, said;

"I am delighted to see the appointment of Anita Donley to this role. I have personally found it a great privilege to work with the team in Mid and South Essex and to see first-hand the tremendous progress they have made so far. The learnings from their work are an important resource that can be shared widely to help address challenges faced in other regions, including across UCLPartners, and indeed nationally, and I am pleased to offer continued support."

Dr Anita Donley said;

"I am really looking forward to joining everyone in mid and south Essex to improve NHS services. All over the NHS, we face increasing demand for healthcare, but we need to create the right local solutions based on the expertise and knowledge of local people, communities, healthcare professionals and organisations. At the same time, we have the opportunity to draw on experience and best practice of what works well elsewhere and see what we can adapt to develop high quality, safe and sustainable NHS services in Essex. I want to help ensure that all voices are heard and local health services benefit from the focus and support that the Success Regime brings to improving care."

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#### **Notes to editors**

1. Other examples of Dr Anita Donley's relevant experience include:
  - chair of the RCP Care Quality Improvement Board, leading work on national audit, accreditation, patient safety and informatics
  - board member of the National Clinical Guidelines Centre
  - member of the recent NHS Confederation independent commission on the care of frail elderly people
  - member of the Royal College of General Practitioners' independent commission on future models of primary care

- member of the NHS England programme board for improving end of life care in hospitals.
2. The Mid and South Essex Success Regime is currently one of three such programmes concentrating on areas in the country where there are deep-rooted, systemic pressures. It is overseen jointly by a tripartite of national organisations - NHS England, NHS Trust Development Authority and Monitor, which looks after NHS Foundation Trusts. The other two Success Regimes are in Devon and Cumbria.
  3. The Success Regime is part of the NHS Five Year Forward View, which is a blueprint for the NHS to take decisive steps to secure high quality, joined-up care. The Success Regime offers an important opportunity for mid and south Essex by bringing management and financial support to local delivery and helping to unblock any barriers to change.
  4. Local clinicians, supported by managers, will drive change with the involvement of partners and local people.
  5. Work programmes will be governed locally through a System Leaders Group, led by the independent chair, and a number of working groups involving all of the local statutory health and care organisations.
  6. For further information, please e-mail [england.mediahub@nhs.net](mailto:england.mediahub@nhs.net) or call 0113 825 3231.
  7. For further background on the Mid and South Essex Success Regime, please visit <http://castlepointandrochfordccg.nhs.uk/success-regime>