

HCSA Appoints Matthew Swindells as President



The Health Care Supply Association (HCSA) is delighted to appoint Matthew Swindells as our new President.

Matthew takes the role after the organisation's longest serving President - Lord Philip Hunt of Kings Heath – stepped down last year to become Patron.

Professor Duncan Eaton has been kindly acting as Interim President while the search for Lord Hunt's permanent successor took place and played a key part in the appointment.

Matthew - who is currently Chair of the four acute trusts in North West London - has had a long and influential career in healthcare including being a former Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer at NHS England.

He joined the NHS as a graduate management trainee in procurement straight from university and went on to manage women's and children's services at Guy's and St Thomas', become COO at Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospital and Chief Executive of the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

He has also held significant roles of influence within national healthcare including time as a senior policy advisor to the Secretary of State for Health.

Most recently, Matthew has been acting as an independent consultant, supporting digital transformation in health services around the world.

HCSA Keith Rowley said: "The process of finding a new President was a difficult one as we were determined to find a figure that would echo the respect, experience and commitment personified by Lord Philip Hunt. In Matthew Swindells we feel truly fortunate to have found the perfect individual to take on the mantle and we are all delighted that he has accepted our invitation to be President of HCSA."

Mark Roscrow, HCSA Chairman, added: "HCSA had a very clear idea of who we wanted to replace the longest-standing President in HCSA history. We knew finding someone who ticked all our boxes was a difficult task that would take time, but I'm delighted to say it was all worth it. Matthew embodies everything a HCSA President should be, and this is a very exciting appointment for now and the future."

On accepting the role of HCSA President, Matthew Swindells said, "I am delighted and honoured to take on the role of President of the HCSA. My first role in the NHS was in Supplies and throughout my career in the NHS I have never forgotten the crucial work that supply chain professionals undertake to help provide a safe and efficient NHS. I look forward to continuing Lord Hunt's fantastic work, supporting the HCSA in developing the profession and continuously improving the NHS."

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