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Surgeon appointed Trust medical director

Orthopaedic surgeon Rob Gillies is the new executive medical director at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

He was formally Deputy Medical Director at Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust in Manchester which is the second largest non-teaching trust in the UK.

Rob succeeds paediatrician Dr Geraldine Boocock who is retiring after 26 years with the Trust and nine as medical director.

He said: "I am thrilled to be joining the Trust at such an exciting time on the journey to achieving foundation trust status as well as becoming an exemplar integrated care organisation providing care across hospital, community and home. I look forward to working with all my healthcare colleagues in providing the best services possible to our patients."

Rob graduated from Liverpool University in 1982 doing basic surgical training in Liverpool and higher surgical training in the North East, West Midlands and a knee surgery fellowship in Toronto during 1993. He was appointed as a consultant orthopaedic knee surgeon at Mid-Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in 1995.

In 2004 Rob was appointed as Associate Postgraduate Dean in the Mersey Deanery, NHS North West and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of Liverpool and led on the introduction of Modernising Medical Careers and the selection and assessment of junior doctors.

In 2008, he obtained a Masters in Medical Education from University College London and is completing a Masters in Medical Leadership Programme at Birbeck, London University, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

He has chaired regional and national surgical training committees for the Royal College of Surgeons of England and was the Caldicott Guardian for the Joint Committee for Surgical Training (2008-11). He has performed various Quality Assurance roles for Royal colleges, higher education institutions and the General Medical Council.

Rob, who lives in Aigburth, Liverpool, is married to Eve, a schoolteacher. They have three daughters, Stella, Ruth and Charlotte, and a son, Robert.

In his spare time, Rob relaxes by following Liverpool Football Club and training German short-haired pointer gun dogs.

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Notes for editors

1. Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust manages Southport and Formby District General Hospital and Ormskirk and District General Hospital. It is also responsible for many community healthcare services for adults in Southport, Formby and West Lancashire. The Trust provides healthcare to a population of 258,000 people and employs 3,500 staff.