

**Dr Michael Dalrymple**



Executive Director, Diagnostics & Science Foresight, LifeArc  
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Mike is a molecular biologist by training and spent time in *academia* followed by biotech with PPL Therapeutics (Dolly the Sheep). For the last 20 years he has been focused on translation and commercialisation of basic research. He heads up the Centre for Diagnostics Development (CDD), LifeArc's translational activity seeking to develop novel diagnostic tests from cutting edge basic research. In addition, Mike is leading the creation of a scientific 'horizon scanning' function at LifeArc to identify future charitable investment areas in translation and runs a small due diligence team that assists the company in new project assessment and selection.

**Doris-Ann Williams MBE**



Chief Executive, BIVDA  
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Doris-Ann Williams has been Chief Executive of BIVDA since October 2001. She has more than 40 years' experience working in the IVD sector and has had a variety of experience; initially in R&D and subsequently in commercial roles including international responsibilities. Doris-Ann represents the IVD industry to a range of stakeholders, and sits on the boards and steering groups of a variety of initiatives. These include the UK Pharmacogenetics and Stratified Medicine Network, and the Parliamentary and Science Committee as Vice-President, the Longitude Prize and she is a trustee of Uk NEQAS. Doris-Ann also works closely with the NIHR MICs, a number of the AHSNs and looks forward to working with DiTA in Manchester.

Doris-Ann also collaborates with MedTech Europe and other global IVD industry associations. She was awarded an MBE in January 2011 and was recognised as a Friend of the Royal College of Pathologists in November 2012.

**Professor Amar Rangan**



Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, James Cook University Hospital  
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Amar Rangan is Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical School & Health Sciences, University of York; and Faculty of Medical Sciences & NDORMS, University of Oxford. He is research lead for orthopaedic surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He is also a specialist shoulder surgeon & leads a programme of clinical effectiveness research, particularly NIHR multi-centre clinical trials.

### **Dr Malcolm Brodlie**



MRC Clinician Scientist and Clinical Senior Lecturer, Institute of Cellular Medicine, Newcastle University  
Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Great North Children's Hospital  
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Malcolm Brodlie is an Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle and an MRC Clinician Scientist/Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Institute of Cellular Medicine, Newcastle University. He has clinical interests in the management of children with cystic fibrosis and in paediatric lung transplantation. He leads an active programme of paediatric respiratory research that focuses on the pathogenesis of cystic fibrosis lung disease but also includes epidemiological and diagnostics work relating to respiratory infection in children.

### **Professor Neil Watson**



Clinical Director of Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
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Neil is the Clinical Director of Pharmacy and Medicines Optimisation at The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, leading a team of 300 staff working across two sites, The Royal Victoria Infirmary and The Freeman Hospital, a post which he has held since April 2007. Neil's primary areas of interest are Advanced Therapies, Integrated Care, particularly ensuring a co-ordinated approach to medicines optimisation across healthcare sectors and Clinical Informatics, supporting data driven care.

As Co-Director of one of three Advanced Therapies Treatment Centres, Neil is supporting the creation of optimal adoption pathways for advanced therapy medicinal products into the NHS.

### **Dr Séamus O'Neill**



Chief Executive Officer, AHSN NENC  
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Séamus is the Chief Executive Officer of the AHSN NENC and is Chair of the AHSN Network nationally. He was previously Senior Manager of the NIHR Clinical Research Network for Northumberland, Tyne and Wear.

Formerly a researcher and NHS laboratory scientist in Genetics, he has spent the last 20 years in a variety of managerial roles at the interface between academia and the NHS.

## Dr Vicky McFarlane Reid



Director of Research and Development, Leica Biosystems

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Originally from Newcastle and trained as molecular biologist, I am the Research and Development Director for *Advanced Staining Reagents and Imaging* at Leica Biosystems, Newcastle UK. I manage a team of 40 scientists responsible for the development of advanced detection systems, together with innovative diagnostic, prognostic and predicative assays for cancer diagnosis.

Leica Biosystems is a global leader in tissue pathology workflow solutions and automation supporting medical research and diagnosis. Our mission of “Advancing Cancer Diagnostics, Improving Lives” is at the heart of our corporate culture. In line with our mission we are striving to work towards Vision24, which aims for patients to receive their diagnosis within 24 hours of biopsy.

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