



Greater Manchester

Integrated Care

8th March 2022

Dear colleagues

I am pleased to tell you that following a robust and competitive process, NHS chief executive Amanda Pritchard, has agreed to our recommendation, that Mark Fisher CBE becomes the new chief executive designate of NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care.

Mark has been in public service for over thirty years and his extensive experience means he will be an outstanding system leader, perfectly placed to drive forward our ambitious plans to tackle health inequalities and deliver high quality NHS and care services.

His career sets him apart as an excellent organisational leader too; he's successfully helped to steer incredibly large and complex national organisations through times of great change and throughout this, his commitment to looking after his teams, and his people have been second to none.

He has led national work to reduce child poverty, creating jobs for young people and boosting skills investment for employers nationally, and was director of the office for civil society and innovation in the Cabinet Office, responsible for the Government's relationship with the voluntary and community sector. Here, he helped the UK become a world leader in social investment, promoted volunteering, and drove wider innovation in policy making across Whitehall.

Mark was programme director for the award-winning Work Programme and the Future Jobs Fund, building the regime that kept national unemployment down throughout the 2009 recession.

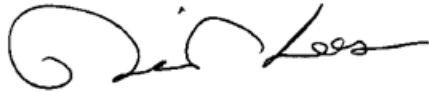
At the same time, Mark has worked at a local and community level in the most sensitive of circumstances, currently serving as director general and secretary to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry, engaging with the local community and wider public and creating a model for similarly challenging public inquiries.

The skills and knowledge that he brings will enable NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care, and our broader integrated care partnership, to fulfil our collective ambitions for the health and wellbeing of the people here.

I am confident that Mark's an exciting appointment for us. He will spend around a day a week in Greater Manchester ahead of starting on July 1st. I know you'll join me in welcoming him to our emerging new organisation and our great city-region. We will start to build in regular communications from him with all of you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah Price, who will continue as interim chief officer for now, for her incredible professionalism, integrity and leadership over the last two years which have, without doubt, been our most challenging ever.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sir Richard Leese'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S' and 'R'.

Sir Richard Leese, chair designate, NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care