

## The Joint Announcement

**Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC)** comprises The University of Manchester, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust, NHS Salford (Salford Primary Care Trust), Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. In March 2009 **MAHSC** received formal designation as one of only five UK Academic Health Science Centres from the Department of Health.

The proposal document set out the vision and overarching strategy to develop Manchester as a world class centre for research, teaching and healthcare. **MAHSC** has now been established as a company limited by guarantee to provide a formal vehicle for the member organisations to support and enable delivery of the strategy.

Working together through its member organisations, MAHSC aims to:

- improve the health and healthcare of the residents of Greater Manchester and the wider Northwest Region of England through high quality health research;
- translate research and teaching excellence in the most efficient way into patient benefits;
- make Greater Manchester and the wider Northwest Region of England a magnet for inward investment and contribute substantially to innovation, enterprise and economic development;
- make Greater Manchester and the wider Northwest Region of England an international intellectual and cultural centre of health science and attract the best health researchers and healthcare workers to the conurbation;
- agree and promote a strategy for Health Research in Greater Manchester and the wider Northwest Region of England;
- secure substantial funding and investment in research infrastructure;

**Sir David Henshaw, Chair of MAHSC's Board of Governors and Chair of NHS Northwest said:**

Greater Manchester's and the wider Northwest has some of the highest rates of infant mortality, cardiac disease, mental health disorders and cancer in the UK. We need to tackle these great problems head on; the establishment of the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre offers us a real opportunity to do this by driving forward the quality of healthcare for our local population through research and innovation. NHS Northwest will work closely with MAHSC, the City Councils and the Regional Development Agency and other regional and national partners to improve our region's health and wellbeing.

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## **Professor Alan North FRS, Director of MAHSC added:**

Today we face multiple global health challenges and, at times, potential conflicts. Against this extremely challenging backdrop our vision is to be a leading global centre for the delivery of innovative applied health research and education into healthcare. Our AHSC is not entirely new, but it is the result of Manchester's track record of achievement and history of collaboration and strategic management of research. Our research agenda has become focused on the things that we can do well, while at the same time embracing all partners in a truly city-wide cooperation. MAHSC has already become an integral part of business for partner Trusts and University of Manchester. We have many assets on which to drive forward but we cannot do it alone; we will seek partnership with external stakeholders, including industry, to ensure success.

**Note:** MAHSC's Governing Body comprises: an independent Chair (Sir David Henshaw); the Chief Executives of each of the NHS Trust Partners, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Mike Deegan), Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust (Jackie Daniel), Salford Primary Care Trust (Dr Mike Burrows), Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (David Dalton), The Christie NHS Foundation Trust (Caroline Shaw), University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (Julian Hartley) and; the President & Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester (Professor Alan Gilbert) plus three independent non-executive members (Dr John Patterson, Professor Sir Gordon Duff, Ms Manjit Wolstenholme) as well as the Director of MAHSC (Professor Alan North).

**For further information see [www.mahsc.ac.uk](http://www.mahsc.ac.uk)**