

**Press Release**

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**St Peter & St James Welcomes New Chief Executive**

St Peter & St James Hospice & Continuing Care Centre are delighted to announce that Colin Burgess has been appointed as our new Chief Executive.

Colin comes to us from a long career within the NHS, primarily working with the Ambulance Service. He began his career as an ambulance clinician in London in 1979 and was appointed as Director of Operations for Kent Ambulance in 1997. More recently his focus has been upon strategic development, which included working for 18 months as Director of Service Improvement for two Primary Care Trusts in Kent.

Peter Boyse, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed Colin to the Hospice, saying, "We are sure that Colin's breadth of experience within the NHS, combined with his managerial and leadership skills, will enable him to lead the organisation forward."

As he took up his position Colin said, "I am delighted to be joining the dedicated team of Trustees, staff and volunteers at St Peter and St James at an exciting time as we seek to develop and improve the services that we provide to our patients and their families and friends. I am committed to ensuring that we continue to be a centre of excellence whilst moving towards the next stage of our development, and look forward to working with all our staff, volunteers and supporters as we do so."

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