

The Honorary Graduate: Robert Woolley

The Orator: Dr Sally Moyle

Robert Woolley is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws

Robert has been the Chief Executive of University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust since 2010. He is responsible for all aspects of the performance of our city centre hospitals, from the quality of patient care to the advancement of clinical research to the education and development of the Trust's 11,500 staff.

Under his leadership, the Trust has been rated outstanding by the Care Quality Commission for the second time and, in two of the last three years, has achieved the top score for patient experience in the national adult inpatient survey. It was granted Biomedical Research Centre status in 2017 and is also an NHS Digital Exemplar, pioneering the development and application of digital technology in care.

Robert joined the Trust Board in 2002 after 9 years at Barts and the London NHS Trust in a variety of management roles.

He is co-lead of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and recently took the additional role of Chief Executive at Weston Area Health NHS Trust in anticipation of an organisational merger in 2020.

Robert is a member of the Health Education England (South) Local Education and Training Board and a Director of the West of England Academic Health Science Network. He is co-convenor of the Chief Executives' Forum in the South West. He has coached and mentored many individuals inside and outside his Trusts, from graduate trainees to clinicians, senior managers and executives.

Robert completed his early education in 1981, culminating in an honours degree in English Language and Literature at Oxford University. In addition, he gained an MBA with distinction at the University of Bath in 1992.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Robert's exceptional contribution to the National Health Service and partnership work with the University.