

PRESS RELEASE

NHS Supply Chain appoints IT focused non-executive Director

Rob Houghton completes the SCCL Board as non-executive Director for Technology and Innovation

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NHS Supply Chain is delighted to announce that Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL), the management function of the new NHS Supply Chain, and James (Jim) Spittle, Chair of SCCL, have appointed Rob Houghton as non-executive Director for Technology and Innovation. His appointment brings the SCCL Board to its full complement.

Rob, who commences his appointment on 1 May 2019, for a three year term, brings with him a wealth of experience from over 20 years working in IT and change management in telecoms and financial services within major blue-chip corporations across the Middle East, US and Europe. He has seven years' experience at Board level and an established track record of success in leading major transformational change.

Most recently Rob took on the role of Group Chief Information Officer and Business Change Director for the Post Office. This involved a strategic assessment of a programme to replace technology across the entire estate - a transformation of the largest retail network in Europe. Rob also reviewed the security and audit processes, establishing a robust operating model and implementation team.

Jim Spittle, Chair of SCCL, commented, "Rob is a critical thinker who has delivered outstanding business performance and results. His motivational leadership style supports an environment based on honesty, trust and professional integrity, which is extremely important to NHS Supply Chain."

Rob holds a BSc (Hons) in Information Technology. Previous roles have included Software Development for BT, senior management positions with CSC in the UK, Middle East and Africa and Aviva in the UK and US. He is also a regular speaker at technology and cyber security events around the world.

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About NHS Supply Chain

NHS Supply Chain supports the National Health Service and other healthcare organisations in England and Wales by providing end to end supply chain solutions.

NHS Supply Chain is managed by Supply Chain Coordination Ltd, a limited company wholly owned by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. The management function went live on 1 April 2018 and manages the performance of the 11 category tower service providers along with the logistics and IT providers.

NHS Supply Chain manages the sourcing, delivery and supply of healthcare products and food for NHS trusts and healthcare organisations. It provides a single point of access to over 316,000 nationally available, transactable lines ranging from bandages to sutures, from gloves to implants, and surgical equipment. In addition, it can help plan investments in medical capital equipment such as MRI scanners, linear accelerators and patient monitors.

Its management of the procurement process negates an NHS organisation's need to tender through the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). Costs can also be reduced through its one-route solution that consolidates all products onto one invoice and delivery.

To ensure that its products are fit for today's healthcare market, NHS Supply Chain works with suppliers of all sizes to ensure its range embraces high quality and innovative products; and engages with clinicians, the Department of Health and Social Care and academic institutions to make sure that it is aware of the current requirements and latest developments in clinical practice.

NHS Supply Chain's product areas include:

- Ward based Consumables
- Sterile Intervention Equipment and Associated Consumables
- Infection Control and Wound Care
- Orthopaedics, Trauma and Spine and Ophthalmology
- Diagnostic, Pathology and Therapy Technologies and Services
- Rehabilitation, Disabled Services, Women's Health and Associated Consumables
- Cardiovascular, Radiology, Endoscopy, Audiology and Pain Management
- Large Diagnostic Capital Equipment including Mobile and Services
- Office Solutions
- Catering, including food
- Hotel Services

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