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## New Chair appointed to Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust

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**Melloney Poole OBE has been appointed as Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust's new Chair.**

She has been on the Trust's Board as a Non-Executive Director since May 2017. She replaces Sir Ian Carruthers who held the role from June 2014.

Melloney currently works for the Ministry of Defence as the Head of the Armed Forces Covenant Fund and the Aged Veterans Fund, and runs on behalf of HM Treasury the Libor funded grants, made to the military and emergency services by the Chancellor. Melloney has a background in corporate, charity and public administrative law as a solicitor spanning 25 years, gaining private sector, commercial and corporate experience before joining the public sector in 2003. She is also the Vice Chair of the Health Foundation.

She has also been a Non-Executive Director in the NHS since 1993 serving on the Boards of three NHS Trusts before being appointed to the role of Chair of the Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust from 01 November 2017.

Speaking about her new role, Melloney said: "I am delighted to be appointed to the role of Chair at Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. The Trust has some very significant challenges but there is a lot of hard work going on and I have been struck by the passion and professionalism of the staff. I look forward to working with the Board, shadow Governors, local partners and staff to ensure that we are well placed to provide the very best care for every patient.'

Mark Cubbon, Chief Executive at the Trust said: "I look forward to working alongside Melloney as she takes up the position as our new Chair. She joins us at a time of positive change at the Trust, and her wealth of experience across both public and private sectors, and as a Non-Executive Director in the NHS, will be a huge asset to us."