

News Release

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New Programme Director Appointed

Stephen Waring has been appointed as the new programme director for Better Healthcare Closer to Home as from 22 October 2007. Stephen takes over from former programme director Mark Easton, who has left to take up the appointment of chief executive at another London primary care trust.

Stephen said: "I am delighted to be appointed as the new programme director. This is an exciting opportunity to deliver a complex programme of change that will provide 21st century health care.

"Over the next few months my top priority will be to take the programme forward to develop the businesses cases for the local care centres and the general hospital. I look forward to working with staff and stakeholders in the future."

Stephen was the Head of Operations at the Office of the NHS Chief Executive and previously headed the policy function of the Commercial Directorate and ran the national cancer programme for the Department of Health.

He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Better Healthcare Closer to Home programme.

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