**Richard Stubbs**

Chief Executive Officer, Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network

Richard is the Chief Executive Officer of Yorkshire & Humber AHSN, an organisation that connects health systems, academic organisations, local authorities, the third sector and industry to facilitate change across whole health and social care economies. The organisation has a clear focus on driving the spread and adoption of health innovation, increasing economic growth and improving outcomes for patients. Prior to becoming Chief Executive Richard was the AHSN’s Commercial Director providing executive leadership on all commercial, innovation and wealth creation objectives.

Richard is an established member of the NHS Assembly, a national forum that helps shape the delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan and is also a founding member of and Chair of the steering group for the BME Leadership Network – a network for NHS leaders from black and minority ethnic backgrounds. He is also a member of the recently established independent Non-Executive Directors taskforce, launched by NHS Confederation to support NHS organisations in increasing the diversity of their boards and governing bodies. In 2020 Richard was identified on the Health Service Journal’s Top 50 BAME Powerlist as one of the BAME figures exercising the most power and influence in English health policy over the next 12 months.

Richard is a private sector board member the Sheffield City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and a member of their Business Growth Board. He is a Visiting Fellow at Sheffield Hallam University and chairs the strategic advisory board of its Advanced Wellbeing Research Centre (AWRC) a £14m research institution established to develop innovations that will improve population health and physical activity. He is also a director of Legacy Park Ltd – the independent organisation which hosts the unique Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park where the AWRC and other leading bodies are based.

Richard is passionate about levelling up health inequalities and co-authored the [Levelling Up Yorkshire and Humber; Health as the new wealth post-COVID](https://www.yhealth4growth.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Levelling-Up-Yorkshire-and-the-Humber_Report_13.07.20-compressed.pdf) report in 2020. He is a member of Welcome to Yorkshire’s tourism recovery task group and a member of Policy Yorkshire’s sport and physical activity group. He has recently been appointed to the board at the Northern Health Science Alliance which represents leaders from the North's top research universities, research intensive teaching hospitals and four Academic Health Science Networks.

Richard is the Vice Chair of the AHSN Network who along with the Chair is responsible for leading and maintaining the collective ambition of the Network’s 15 AHSNs via their Chief Executive Officers. He is also the international lead for the AHSN Network and in this capacity he works closely with Department of International Trade and Healthcare UK to support the export of UK health excellence. He is a member of the Healthcare UK Advisory Board and currently represents the UK on the Global Scientific Committee which is curating the International Hospital Federation’s World Hospital Congress.

Before joining Yorkshire & Humber AHSN Richard was Head of Commercial and International Innovation at NHS England. His role involved developing national programmes that maximise benefits to patients and the NHS, in addition to supporting the UK economic growth agenda, by promoting and facilitating commercial opportunities, both domestically and internationally.

Richard was also a creator and the Managing Director of NHS Global, a precursor to Healthcare UK that was established to support the delivery of health care expertise to international markets.

Richard created and led the NHS Innovation Challenge Prizes at the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement, a role that involved improving the culture of innovation in NHS organisations.  Richard was a member of the NHS National Leadership Council and has previous acute and commissioning senior management experience.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a Leadership Fellow of St George’s House, Windsor Castle. Richard is also a non-executive director of Maltby Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust of secondary and primary schools across Rotherham. He joined the NHS from the BBC as a graduate trainee.

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**Recent Publications**

* [The Innovators](https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/The-Innovators-AHSN-Network-June-2019.pdf) – June 2019
* [Diversity and Innovation: a celebration of BAME innovators and our pledges to do more](https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Diversity-and-Innovation-WEB.pdf) – September 2019
* [Levelling Up Yorkshire and the Humber: health as the new wealth post-COVID](https://www.yhealth4growth.info/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/08/Levelling-Up-Yorkshire-and-the-Humber_Report_13.07.20-compressed.pdf) – July 2020
* [AHSN Network Digital & AI Reset Report](https://www.yhahsn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/02701-A4-Digital-and-AI-Report-WEB3.pdf) – October 2020
* [Rapid evaluation of health and care services – planning a sustainable solution for the post-COVID reset](https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Rapid_Evaluation_of_Health_and_Care_Services_FINAL.pdf) – February 2021
* [LGBT Health Inequalities in the UK – Literature Review](https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/LGBT-Foundation-and-AHSN.-LGBT-Health-Inequalities-Literature-Review-Final.pdf) – February 2021

**Media comment**

* [NHS Culture holds back innovation and I want to change that: Yorkshire Post](https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/politics/nhs-culture-holds-back-innovation-and-i-want-change-it-says-yorkshire-academic-health-science-network-chief-executive-richard-stubbs-2948762) – August 2020
* [An Olympic effort is needed to improve Yorkshire’s health](https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/columnists/olympic-effort-needed-improve-yorkshires-health-richard-stubbs-2975228) – September 2020

**Blogs**

* [Innovation² – the multiplier effect of diversity: the business case](https://www.ahsnnetwork.com/the-business-case-for-diversity) – September 2019
* [NHS Reset: Why the challenge to reset is a cultural one](https://www.nhsconfed.org/blog/2020/06/why-the-challenge-to-reset-is-a-cultural-one) – June 2020
* [NHS Reset: Using rapid insights to create an innovation learning system](https://www.nhsconfed.org/blog/2020/09/using-rapid-insights-to-create-an-innovation-learning-system) – September 2020
* [Obesity: Government focus on weight issues misses the bigger picture](https://www.yhahsn.org.uk/blog/obesity-government-focus-on-weight-misses-the-bigger-picture/) – September 2020
* [It’s white leaders who have to change](https://www.miphealth.org.uk/home/news-campaigns/Features/feature-black-lives-still-matter-richard-stubbs.aspx) – October 2020

**Videos**

* [Diversity and Innovation](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOVISEcrfkM) – October 2019
* [How can we create real lasting change after COVID-19](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9NqHiUJpbFY) – July 2020
* [YHealth for Growth: One Year On](https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/876141854026913551) – December 2020
* [House of Lords Public Services Committee: ‘Levelling up’ and public services](https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/a9c9c81f-7931-490d-9828-232e52e094fb) – March 2021

**Podcasts**

* [West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership: We Work Together Podcast](https://soundcloud.com/wyh-partnership/we-work-together-episode-9) – August 2020
* [The PNE Podcast: The Person Behind the Job Title](https://soundcloud.com/user-9093381/richardstubbs) – August 2020
* [Ready to Trade Podcast: Strengthening Healthcare Systems post-COVID](https://open.spotify.com/episode/24dI55ulrXb1GIHEIjPsru?si=cazF7m5bS8Wg2Ktei4t-BQ) – March 2021