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## Prof Phil Richardson Joins Mtech Access as Chair and Chief Innovation Officer



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We are delighted to welcome [Prof Phil Richardson](#) to the Mtech Access team. Phil joins us direct from the NHS to take up a new position as Chair and Chief Innovation Officer.

*"I am excited to be joining Mtech Access with their core skills of [market access](#), [health economics](#), [evidence synthesis](#), [HTA and reimbursement support](#), and [customer communications](#). It's the ideal combination of expertise needed to help support the planning and evaluation of new system pathways, new clinical interventions and to [understand the levers of healthcare](#) that will make a difference for the patient, Neighbourhood, Place and Integrated Care System."* – Phil Richardson, Chair and Chief Innovation Officer, Mtech Access

His responsibilities will include bringing together different stakeholders to find new ways of collaborating, delivering change and driving forward innovation.

*"My initial focus will be to bring together the NHS, industry and academia to help support an evidence-based, needs-led approach to the current system pressures facing integrated care systems."* – Phil Richardson, Chair and Chief Innovation Officer, Mtech Access

### Driving transformation and innovation in the NHS

Phil joins Mtech Access from NHS Dorset where he was the executive director responsible for the development of the Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), commissioning, digital, innovation, research and system transformation.

In recent years, Phil has been an agent for change and innovation in system transformation initiatives across the NHS, including as:

- A board member of Wessex Academic Health Science Network (AHSN)
- Chair of the Applied research collaborative
- Chair of the system strategy and transformation group
- The senior sponsor for digital transformation
- The executive lead for the clinical group
- Gold commander for Covid 19
- Exec lead for the develop of arts and culture in health, working as part of a national pilot

### Digital, Industry and Academia

Phil's background is in [digital](#) and [Pharma](#). He started work life as a medical rep in south London before moving into national and general management. He has worked globally in the digital and transformation consultancy space.

Phil also teaches strategy for the Open University MBA programme. He has a PhD from Bath University and is a visiting professor for Bournemouth and the Health Sciences university.

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