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## **International development and humanitarian expert to lead MAHSC global health team**

Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC) has appointed an internationally renowned expert as Executive Director of its Global Health Theme.

Professor Mukesh Kapila takes over the role from the inaugural Director, Professor Tony Redmond. His remit will be to establish a new Office for Global Health and further develop the numerous global health activities being undertaken by the MAHSC partners. These range from clinical to educational and research programmes across all continents, and capacity building partnerships that are having an impact on the daily lives of millions of people.

Professor Mukesh Kapila, CBE, has an international reputation for his leadership roles with the United Nations, World Health Organisation, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and the Department for International Development. He has extensive experience in the policy and practice of international development, humanitarian affairs and diplomacy, including human rights, disaster and conflict management, and in global public health. Prof Kapila joined Manchester Medical School two years ago as Professor of Global Health and Humanitarian Affairs.

Assisting Prof Kapila will be Roy Daley, MAHSC Research & Development Co-ordinator, and two new members of the team: Marian Surgenor as Partnerships Director and Dr Nusrat Husain as Director of Research.

Marian Surgenor is the founder and co-ordinator of the University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust's international collaboration in Uganda, Gulu-Man Link, and is the Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Gulu University, Northern Uganda. Marian is an expert in all aspects of supporting NHS and non-NHS volunteers participating in international work.

Dr Nusrat Husain, a reader at The University of Manchester and honorary consultant psychiatrist at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, has extensive experience of mental health research in Asia and Africa.

Commenting on the new appointments, MAHSC Director Professor Ian Jacobs said: "Manchester is a global city and the need for global co-operation in tackling the biggest problems facing humanity has never been so critical. Mukesh, Marian,

Nusrat and Roy make a formidable team, capable of delivering MAHSC's ambitious plans to advance global health over the next few years."

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**MAHSC** (the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre) is a partnership between The University of Manchester and six NHS organisations. Our NHS partners are some of the most highly rated NHS Trusts in the country, and The University of Manchester is one of the top three UK research universities (RAE 2008). We are proud to be one of only six centres in the country currently designated as an AHSC. AHSC designation recognises excellence across research, innovation, education and patient service, and in particular the potential to excel in translational medicine.

Through partnership with the Greater Manchester Academic Health Science Network, MAHSC acts as a beacon within the local health system, providing clinical leadership and helping health care organisations reap the benefits of research and innovation to drive improvements in care. [www.mahsc.ac.uk](http://www.mahsc.ac.uk)

The MAHSC partners are:

- The University of Manchester
- Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust
- Salford CCG (formerly NHS Salford) as lead representative for GM CCGs
- Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust
- University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust