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Chief Executive announced for proposed merger of foundation trusts

Tony Spotswood has been announced as the proposed Chief Executive should the merger of The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust be approved.

The two hospital Trusts are currently working on a business plan for merger. Appointments to the Board of the proposed new organisation are made to support the planning process and ensure a smooth transition of responsibility if the merger proceeds.

Tony Spotswood will formally take up the role if the merger application is successful and the new organisation is licensed by Monitor, the regulator of foundation trusts. Tony is the current Chief Executive of The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and will continue in this role until this time.

The announcement of the proposed Chief Executive follows an appointment process led by the proposed Chairman, Jane Stichbury, and proposed Non-Executive Directors. To ensure an independent process, a chief executive from another foundation trust acted as an external adviser during the appointment process. The Council of Governors of the new merged organisation will need to approve the Chief Executive appointment, should the merger be authorised.

The proposed Chief Executive will now participate in the appointment process for the proposed Executive Directors together with the proposed Chairman and two of the proposed Non-Executive Directors.

The Trusts remain separate legal entities until the date of the merger. Each Board of Directors retains complete legal responsibility for their organisation until this time. On this date, the proposed Board of Directors will take responsibility for the new merged organisation.

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