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COLLEGE NOTICE

ACADEMIC HEALTH SCIENCE CENTRE DIRECTOR

Professor David Taube, Professor of Transplant Medicine at Imperial College London and medical director at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, has accepted appointment as Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC) Director with effect from 1 September 2012.

The creation of the new position of AHSC Director was one of the recommendations of the review of the AHSC led by Professor Lord Darzi, commissioned in 2011 to evaluate the success of the AHSC since its foundation and to advise on its future direction (see [College Notice 2010/11 – 18](#)). The College and the Trust have considered the findings and jointly developed an action plan to renew and strengthen collaboration within the AHSC, which will be a major responsibility of the AHSC Director.

Professor Taube, reporting jointly to the Principal of the College's Faculty of Medicine and the Chief Executive of the Trust, will drive the development of the AHSC and play a pivotal role in fully realising its aspiration to transform healthcare by translating research discoveries into medical advances in as fast a timeframe as is possible. He will strengthen the interface between clinical and academic activities, build on the innovation culture and implement strategies for channeling research excellence to deliver world class healthcare to local, national and global populations.

Professor Taube trained in renal medicine and transplantation at Guy's Hospital before becoming a consultant nephrologist at King's College Hospital in 1985. He became Clinical Director of the Renal and Transplant Unit at St Mary's Hospital in 1990 and subsequently led the development of the Imperial Renal and Transplant Centre on the Hammersmith site which opened in 2005. He was appointed Professor of Transplant Medicine in Imperial's Department of Medicine in 2006 and has been medical director at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust since its formation in 2007.

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