

The AHSN Network

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Dear Lord O'Shaughnessy,

We were really sorry to hear of your intention to step down as Parliamentary Under Secretary for Health. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you personally - and on behalf of the whole AHSN Network - for your immense support of our collective and individual endeavours.

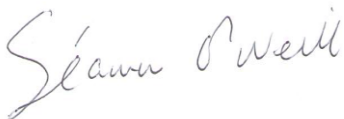
Having such a keen and vocal champion of research, innovation and technology has facilitated collaboration between the AHSNs, Life Sciences and industry. Improved joint-working has allowed us to demonstrate the crucial role that digital innovation and medical technology in particular have in improving care for patients and meeting the needs of industry in its work with the NHS.

Your support of this agenda has given us the freedom to push the boundaries of what is possible and embed innovative solutions across the country for the benefit of patients and the economy.

On behalf of the AHSN Network, I would like to put on record our gratitude for your vision and strong appreciation of the interplay between digital, innovation, adoption and better healthcare for all. This has been immensely valuable and will no doubt leave a lasting legacy and one which we fully intend to build on.

We wish you every success in your future plans and a very happy Christmas to you and yours.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer of the AHSN for the North East and North Cumbria