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College of Mental Health Pharmacy appoints new President

The College of Mental Health Pharmacy (CMHP) is delighted to announce the appointment of Nikki Holmes of Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust as its new President.

Nikki Holmes first joined the Council of CMHP in 2013, serving as Vice-President for two years before becoming President at November's Council meeting.

Nikki is currently the Head of Pharmacy for Forensic Services at Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and leads a team of staff providing specialist clinical pharmacy and medication supply services across multiple sites and over 500 beds, comprising high, medium and low secure services with local, regional and national population remits, as well as to numerous prisons.

Nikki is passionate about making a positive difference to the lives of people with mental illness via providing opportunities for mental health pharmacy staff to learn and develop their expertise so they can provide the best possible medicines advice and support to their people they work with.

She says: "This is a very exciting time in the history of CMHP and for me personally having the opportunity to be President. We have a great team on the CMHP Council with fantastic energy and enthusiasm. I'm honoured to be following on from the eminent mental health pharmacists that have gone before me."

Nikki takes over from Michael Marven, who continues to serve on the CMHP Council as Immediate Past President. CMHP Council members are very grateful for all of Michael's work in strengthening the organisation and building links with so many of our key education and mental health partners.

There have been a number of other changes on the CMHP Council. Details can be seen on our website: <http://www.cmhp.org.uk/cmhp-organisation/council>

Notes:

1. The College of Mental Health Pharmacy (CMHP) is a charity with the overall objective of advancing education and research in the practice of mental health pharmacy to benefit individual care.
2. The CMHP Council forms the Board of Directors and Charity Trustees and is responsible for the organisation of the College and meeting its legal commitments. There are at any time a maximum of 14 Council members elected by the membership.

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