

# Windsor Debates

HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

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Gary has led Health Innovation Oxford and Thames Valley, previously Oxford AHSN since 2013. He was Chair of the national AHSN Network from 2021 to 2023. He leads the Health Innovation Network national programmes supporting primary care in the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease.

He is Professor of Stroke Medicine at the University of Oxford and continues in clinical practice as a consultant stroke physician. Gary has led the adoption of innovation in stroke care for many years including developing the Face Arm Speech Test (FAST) now used to increase awareness of stroke.

Gary was Director of the NIHR stroke research network from 2005-2013. He became a non-executive director on the board of NICE in 2021. He was awarded the CBE in 2013 for services to research in stroke medicine. In 2018 Gary was identified as one of seven research legends whose work has transformed care in the NHS.



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