

Ian Dalton to be Executive Chair of Automation Taskforce

Ian Dalton CBE, former Chief Executive of NHS Improvement, has been appointed as the Executive Chair of the Government Automation Taskforce. He takes up his new position on 8 July.

Ian will develop and accelerate the government's automation agenda, ensuring that central government is fully prepared for, and best able to take advantage of, opportunities to deliver better, more efficient, public services using automation technologies.

Ian brings with him significant experience to drive this work forward, having held a number of senior roles in his career. These include Chief Executive Officer of Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, President of Global Government & Health at BT Global Services, senior roles at the Department of Health, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy CEO at NHS England, and Chief Executive of NHS North of England, the North East Strategic Health Authority.

Ian said:

I am thrilled to be taking up this position. Adoption of new technologies helps to deliver services more effectively, including making cancer diagnosis more reliable or reducing fraud. This can have a huge impact on people's lives – and I want to be at the forefront of this ground-breaking technology

John Manzoni, Chief Executive of the Civil Service and Cabinet Office Permanent Secretary, said:

Ian has an exceptional track record, with over 30 years' experience in government, the health sector and the private sector.

Under Ian's leadership, NHS Improvement has supported the NHS to improve their performance, improving its financial performance and ensuring the NHS is more integrated to enable more effective local services, setting up the NHS up for success in the future.

Ian's experience and skills will give an extra boost to this important piece of work, as we transform how we deliver public services.