

# SPECIALIST



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### **Introducing metabolic surgery for type 2 diabetes.**

We welcome Prof Francesco Rubino who's created a new centre for metabolic and bariatric surgery here at the hospital. Metabolic surgery represents a major advance in the treatment of T2D.

### **Announcing Mr Ian McDermott's FIPO appointment.**

Mr McDermott, Consultant Knee Surgeon, explains how loss of patient choice; fees being dictated; and consultants being delisted by PMIs with no right to independent appeal, will be on FIPO's communications agenda.

### **Lifetime achievement award for Dr Graham Hughes.**

Prof Hughes first presented the (antiphospholipid) syndrome in 1982. Later renamed Hughes Syndrome, he identified its responsibility in 1 in 5: DVTs, recurrent miscarriages, young strokes and teenage epilepsy.

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# Mr Ian McDermott

## FIPO appointment

We're delighted to announce that one of our knee surgeons, Mr Ian McDermott, from London Sports Orthopaedics, has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of FIPO – The Federation of Independent Practitioners Organisations. Ian says:

“ I've been involved in FIPO for over 10 years now. We've seen major changes in the independent healthcare sector over the last decade, with more on the horizon. FIPO exists to represent doctors in the independent sector and to ensure that their voices are heard at the highest levels. It seems like there are unending waves of pressure being exerted, pushing private healthcare towards a conveyor-belt

system where patients and healthcare are commoditised, with doctors of all specialties being devalued and marginalised. Whilst FIPO has no direct power to force the power of 'good' to prevail – what we do have is the ear of a large number of important individuals and organisations.

We believe that poor practice must be stamped out; however, we also believe that the vast majority of doctors do always put their patients' best interests first. It is through promoting quality that the whole independent sector stands to differentiate itself and its services, and hence continue to thrive.

Many doctors have felt disempowered and demotivated, watching debacles such as

the CMA investigation completely miss the point and gloss over the large number of genuine concerns that many have regarding issues such as: loss of patient choice; patient referrals being diverted; fees being dictated and squeezed; and consultants being delisted by PMIs with absolutely no right to any independent appeals process. FIPO is now working on trying to improve levels of communication between the front-line doctors directly affected by these issues and the organisations that are there to represent them.

At a more local level, if any consultant colleague at London Bridge Hospital does ever have any issues they'd like to discuss relating to events in the Independent Sector and FIPO's role, then please do feel free to get in touch with me. ”

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## Introducing **Antti Kivimaki** Deputy Chief Nurse



I qualified as an adult nurse in Finland in 1995. Following a short time at the Helsinki University Hospital I moved to London and started working in the NHS.

Most of my clinical nursing experience has been in adult intensive care in the

NHS, covering most specialties; and in 2006 I also completed my Paediatric Nurse training.

In 2007, after my time in the NHS, I went to The Wellington Hospital for my first managerial role in private healthcare. Since this, I've held several senior nursing leadership positions in private healthcare settings, some of these as Head of Clinical Services, Head of Nursing and Interim Director of Nursing.

I also have experience at Spire, Circle and The London Clinic. This experience has enabled me to gain a broad knowledge

in private healthcare excellence both, clinically and commercially.

### Our Future

I feel very privileged to join the team here at London Bridge Hospital. The hospital has an excellent reputation, world class consultants, and outstanding facilities and patient care.

As Deputy Chief Nurse, I'm keen to explore opportunities for us as a team to enhance our patients' experience and the quality of the services we provide. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and working with you.

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