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SUBSIDIARY APPOINTS NEW M.D TO LEAD COMPANY STRATEGY

Derbyshire Support and Facilities Services (DSFS) - the subsidiary company launched by Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust at the end of March 2019 - has appointed a new Managing Director to lead the company's strategy and with responsibility for ensuring a positive experience for patients and staff, service improvement and developing business opportunities for the future.

With more than 20 years commercial experience at Director level - both in the UK and in Europe, Dennis Kentrop (right) has a strong facilities industry background and is well-versed in delivering a range of these support services to hospitals. His knowledge of healthcare, pharmaceutical and other industries – along with business plan development, large-scale change programmes and creating service excellence – will enable him to grow the new company, through innovative approaches, new quality standards and a more dynamic business model.

Speaking about the appointment, Lee Outhwaite, the Royal's Director of Finance & Contracting comments: "We are delighted that Dennis will join our subsidiary company. As a wholly-owned entity of the Trust we were looking for a Managing Director who could bring a wealth of experience and a new dimension to our venture. With a successful track-record in a number of commercial organisations Dennis will offer the Trust a different perspective from which to provide high-quality support services, at the same time as realising value for money and business potential."

Dennis is joining DSFS with immediate effect (July 2019) and is looking forward to leading and developing the company's strategic direction. "It's exciting to become part of a subsidiary company that's owned by the NHS. With greater demand on clinical services than ever-before our support services play an enormous part in patient care and treatment, from electronic appointment systems, to well-maintained clinical equipment and buildings, clean wards and clinics, plus everything else in-between. I want to make sure DSFS offers responsive, high-performing and best value services that underpin patient experience and the Trust's reputation as a good hospital with first-class services. I am also looking forward to working with DSFS Director colleagues, our Employee Associate Directors and all our staff to create a company that also offers a great place to work, where everyone has an opportunity to develop their career and to contribute to our future plans and proposals.'

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