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Non-executive re-appointed

Having served as a non-executive director at Royal United Hospital since 1 December 2005, Stephen Wheeler has accepted re-appointment from 1 December 2011 until 31 March 2014 at a current remuneration of £6,096 per annum.

The re-appointment has been made in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.

After 30 years as a social science teacher in further education, Stephen became chief executive of the Avon Rural Community Council and then took up an economic development role with Bath and North East Somerset Council. He is active in a range of voluntary work.

All non-executive appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Stephen Wheeler was a Labour Councillor on the North Wiltshire District Council for eight years and continues to play an active role locally on behalf of the Labour Party.

Stephen holds no other Ministerial appointments.

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