The response of the emergency services to the London and Manchester terror attacks: Lessons to be learned
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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Susan Beards, Consultant in Intensive Care and Anaesthesia and Medical Director, Clinical Support Services Division, University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Susan Beards has been a consultant in anaesthesia and intensive care since 1994 working at the University Hospital of South Manchester. She is also medical director for Clinical Support Services managing radiology, pathology, out-patients, pharmacy, anaesthesia, theatres and critical care.

Dr Beards graduated from Manchester Medical School in 1985 and trained in the North West anaesthesia rotation, including working in the Baragwanath intensive care unit in Soweto.

Mr Duncan Bew, Trauma Specialist, Kings College Hospital

Biography to follow.

Miss Rebecca Bott, STS General Surgery Registrar, Trauma Surgery, King’s College Hospital

Miss Rebecca Bott is a General Surgical Registrar on the South-East Thames London Surgical Training Programme. She qualified from King’s College London Medical School in 2008 and completed an Intercalated BSc in Advanced Anatomy in 2005. She undertook her two years of Core Surgical Training in South East London and became a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 2012. She is currently undertaking an MSc in Surgical Innovation at Imperial College London and has recently been awarded a Pan London Cancer Research Fellowship. She has a specialist interest in Upper GI Cancer Surgery and has just completed six months working as a Trauma Registrar at Kings’ College Hospital where she was involved in the care of the victims involved in the recent Major Trauma Incidents in London.

Professor Noel Clarke, Consultant Urological Surgeon, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

Biography to follow.
Cressida Dick, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, London

Cressida Dick grew up in Oxford and attended the city’s University as an undergraduate at Balliol College.

After graduating in 1982 she worked briefly in an accountancy firm before joining the Metropolitan Police in 1983. “Constable Dick’s” first beat was in the heart of London, operating from West End Central police station. After that in uniformed operational roles in South West and South East London.

Chief Inspector Dick worked as a trainer on the accelerated promotion course at Bramshill Police Staff College from 1993 until 1995 when she joined Thames Valley Police as a Superintendent, where she oversaw policing in her home city of Oxford.

In 2001 she took a career break and was awarded a M.Phil in Criminology from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and then returned to the Met as a Commander.

Commander Dick undertook a number of roles across the MPS including heading up the Met’s Diversity Unit, followed by Operation Trident which had been formed to tackle an increase in gang violence.

She was appointed as the Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Security and Protection in 2006, before becoming the Assistant Commissioner for the Specialist Crime Directorate in 2009. In this role she was responsible for tackling all serious crime in London. In 2010 she was awarded the Queen’s Police Medal.

In 2011 Cressida Dick became the Assistant Commissioner for Specialist Operations responsible for countering terrorism and extremism as well as specialist units including royal, diplomatic, and government protection.

She led the national security operations for the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympic Games and the investigative response to the murder of Lee Rigby.

Cressida Dick was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire and retired from the Met Police in 2015. She joined the Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a Director General - a role she had been performing whilst on secondment from the Met since 2014.

In February 2017 her selection as Commissioner was announced by the Home Secretary Amber Rudd and Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, and on the morning of 10th March 2017 she was re-attested as a police officer before taking up her new responsibilities.

Mr Garrett Emmerson, Chief Executive Officer, London Ambulance Service NHS Trust

Garrett Emmerson was appointed as Chief Executive of the London Ambulance Service in May 2017.

Garrett Emmerson was previously at Transport for London where he was Chief Operating Officer for Surface Transport for eight years. In this role, he had overall responsibility for TfL’s road management including: strategy & planning and the operation of the Capital’s major road network.

Garrett was also responsible for enforcement and on-street operations, infrastructure asset management and implementation of TfL’s £4bn road investment programme, as well as modal service operations including: Santander Cycle Hire; congestion charging, taxi and private hire regulation; river and coach services and London Dial-a-Ride.
Garrett was previously TfL’s Director of Strategy and, before that, a director of transport consultancy Steer Davies Gleave. He is a former Head of Buckinghamshire County Council’s Transportation Service and a former Member of the Government Commission for Integrated Transport and Motorists’ Forum. He currently sits on the Office of Rail & Road (ORR) Highways Committee which monitors the performance and efficiency of Highways England.

Mr Joshi George, Consultant Neurosurgeon, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust

Mr Joshi George did his medical schooling in India. He subsequently went to Belfast to do his surgical training and had first-hand experience of dealing with the ‘Troubles’ and the aftermath of terrorist attacks.

He subsequently did research on spinal cord injury at the University of London.

While working at the Royal London hospital in Neurosurgery, he dealt with the aftermath of the July 7 bombings in London in 2005. He did his fellowship training in spine surgery in Toronto. He currently works at Salford Royal Foundation Trust in Manchester as a consultant neurosurgeon.

Mrs Helen Gordon, CEO, Royal Society of Medicine

Helen joined the Royal Society of Medicine on 1 March 2017 as Chief Executive. The Society seeks to advance health, through education and innovation through its wide range of education programmes, events and information services.

Helen has a career in health spanning more than 34 years. Originally training as a nurse at St Bartholomew’s Hospital, London, she progressed through a number of clinical and managerial positions in hospitals in the National Health Service rising to Executive Director of Operations /Chief Nurse at Hillingdon Hospital. In 1999, she became Chief Executive there for a year. From 2000-2005 she led Queen Mary’s Sidcup NHS Trust in South East London as their Chief Executive.

She then moved from the NHS to national roles, firstly to the role of Chief Executive of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists from 2005 to 2010. The College seeks to improve the standard of care delivered to women, encourage the study of obstetrics and gynaecology (O&G), and advance the science and practice of O&G.

Then, from July 2010 to February 2017, she was Chief Executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society where she developed the role, work and impact of the RPS as the newly dedicated professional membership body for pharmacists in Great Britain. The Society leads the profession of pharmacy to improve the public’s health and wellbeing and is an internationally renowned publisher of medicines information.

She contributed to higher education as a Governor for Ravensbourne for nine years and was Chair of their Audit Committee. She is the inaugural Chair of the Alumni and Development Advisory Board at Henley Business School and will be joining the Council of the University of Reading in autumn 2017.

Helen holds a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Henley Business School. She was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners in November 2013 and received an Honorary Doctorate of Science from University of Reading in March 2016.
Dr Owen King, SPR4 in Anaesthetics, University Hospital of South Manchester

Dr Owen King is currently an anaesthetic trainee in the Northwest deanery.

Professor Roger Kirby, Chairman, Academic Board, Royal Society of Medicine

With an international reputation as a clinician, researcher, communicator and innovator, Roger Kirby specialises in prostate cancer and benign prostatic disease (BPH). He was among the first in the UK to introduce medical therapy for BPH, radical surgery for prostate cancer and minimally invasive treatments using lasers and robotics. He has performed over 3,500 radical prostatectomy operations, pioneering the robot-assisted technique in 2005.

He was awarded the St Peter’s Medal by the British Association of Urological Surgeons in 2006 and the Clement Price Thomas Award for Services to Surgery by the Royal College of Surgeons in 2016. He is a Trustee of the Royal Society of Medicine and is currently President of its Urology Section for 2016-17. Professor Kirby has written 68 books and published more than 350 peer-reviewed papers. He has founded and edited two journals: Prostate Cancer and Prostatic Diseases and Trends in Urology and Men’s Health.

Having had a career-long interest in the wider issues of men’s health and patient safety, in 2005 he created The Prostate Centre, a private men’s health clinic in London. It has a firmly established reputation for excellence through clinical governance, protocols, patient information, safety and support, good service and multidisciplinary team working.

Professor Kirby was Chairman of the charity Prostate UK until 2010, and continues as a Trustee of Prostate Cancer UK. He was a founding member and is now President of The Urology Foundation. For these charities and others he has personally raised over £4 million through marathon running, mountain climbing, trekking and cycling challenges.

Professor Chris Moran, National Clinical Director for Trauma, Professor of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery, Nottingham University Hospital

Professor Chris Moran is national clinical director for trauma to the National Health Service in England and professor of orthopaedic trauma surgery at Nottingham University Hospital. He is a full-time trauma surgeon with a special interest in polytrauma, complex articular fractures and the treatment of nonunion. He has led the development of the Major Trauma Networks in England, which have increased the probability of surviving major injuries by 25%. He is international adviser on trauma to a number of Governments. His research portfolio includes 150 published scientific papers and abstracts with over 6,000 citations, mainly in the field of trauma. He continues in active research in this field. He is editor of a major textbook, the AO Principles of Fracture Surgery and co-authored all of the British Orthopaedic Association Standards for trauma.
Dr Malcolm Tunnicliff, Clinical Director for Emergency and Acute Care, Honorary Senior Lecturer and Consultant in Emergency Medicine and Major Trauma, King’s College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London

Dr Malcolm Tunnicliff is clinical director for emergency and acute care at King’s College Hospital, London. He has been a consultant in emergency medicine there for 10 years. His main areas of interest lie in pre-hospital medicine, major trauma and medical toxicology.

Dr Tunnicliff and his team have been heavily involved in the care of patients from the 3 recent major incidents in London – The Westminster Bridge and London Bridge/Borough Market attacks and the Grenfell fire disaster. He has also been involved with a number of major incidents in the past starting with Potters Bar rail crash in 2002.

Miss Michelle Wilkinson, ST5 General Surgery Registrar, King’s College Hospital

Miss Michelle Wilkinson graduated from Imperial College London in 2007 with MBBS with distinction in clinical sciences. Between 2009 and 2011 she completed her core surgical training in London, in 2017 Miss Wilkinson completed a PhD in cancer biology from the Royal Marsden Hospital and Institute of Cancer research. Since 2014 she has been a general surgery trainee within the London deanery.

Alwen Williams, Chief Executive, St Bartholomews Health NHS Trust and

Alwen has been a manager in the NHS since 1980, working in primary care, community and acute services, commissioning and joint planning. She became chief executive of Tower Hamlets Primary Care Trusts (PCT) in June 2004, was seconded to the post of chief executive of East London and the City Alliance of PCTs in 2009 and in January 2011 became the Chief Executive of NHS East London and the City.

In December 2011 Alwen also took on the role of chief executive of NHS Outer North East London leading the two Primary Care Trust clusters which cover all the London boroughs in north east London: City and Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

From April 2013, Alwen assumed the national role of director of delivery and development for the NHS Trust Development Authority.

On 1 June 2015, Alwen moved to Barts Health NHS Trust as interim chief executive and became substantive chief executive on 21 October 2015.