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Dr Michael Brydon Chief Executive SCHN

After a long and distinguished career in paediatric care, Dr Michael Brydon OAM, Chief Executive of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN), has chosen to pursue new opportunities in addressing child healthcare inequities. He will be sadly missed, by his friends, colleagues and the families he has supported through the years.

For more than 30 years, Michael has made a positive contribution to the lives of sick and injured children; as a paediatrician, educator, leader, administrator, colleague and friend to many.

Michael's passion and commitment to improving the lives of NSW's most vulnerable will form part of his legacy, as will the image of him walking the corridors, chatting to staff and listening to families.

An inspiring leader and expert administrator, Michael was pivotal to helping bring a family friendly, positive environment to sick children in hospital and encouraged parent and carer involvement in all areas of hospital planning.

"To say that I have been blessed to have spent so much of my career working with such wonderfully inspiring families and highly professional and caring colleagues would be a major understatement," said Dr Brydon.

"It is very humbling to be part of the journey a family undertakes with a sick child and every day I have never misunderstood the responsibilities this brings.

"Our team of committed health professionals is what makes child health the very special part of our health system. I feel so privileged to have been a part of it," Dr Brydon added.

Dr Brydon was appointed as SCHN Chief Executive in July 2016, following six years as SCHN Director of Clinical Operations.

Prior to the Network's formation in 2010, Michael worked at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick for 27 years after completing his undergraduate Medical Degree at UNSW and his Fellowship of Paediatrics in the Randwick program. His other post-graduate qualifications include a Masters of Paediatrics and a Masters of Health Administration from UNSW.

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In the last two decades, Michael has held an increasingly more senior management portfolio across a local, state and national agenda. As a result of these roles, he has established a wide network of personal partnerships, predominantly in the child health environment and gained significant expertise in clinical management and medical administration.

Ever since entering paediatrics, Michael has advocated for children and their families, highlighting the differences in their needs.

Adjunct Associate Professor Cheryl McCullagh will be interim SCHN Chief Executive.

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