

GP from Warrington in HSJ Top 50 NHS BME Pioneers list.



Dr A Raj Kumar is a GP from Cheshire and Founder of the

The HSJ together with the NHS Leadership Academy, BMA and NHS Employers have published a list of the 50 most influential BME leaders in the country who would also be role models for emerging BME clinicians and managers in the NHS.

Dr Raj Kumar, GP from Cheshire is included on this list. His work as a GP, a senior leader for the DH and especially his role as Founder and Chair of the successful national NHS Clinical Leaders Network that has led to many a clinician acquire leadership skills, opportunities and roles, was cited by the judges who compiled the list.

The Health Service Journal Editor Alistair McLellan said, "The list is not just about being a power list of influential BME leaders but includes a wide range of individuals in a diverse range of roles. As a result, it is not ranked but arranged alphabetically. The list has senior CEOs, directors, managers, clinicians, academics, diversity champions

and trade unionists. The HSJ judges were very clear that they wanted individuals who not only achieve excellence beyond their immediate job roles but who also champion inclusion in its broadest sense and act as brilliant mentors to the next generation of leaders. A few of the names in these pages will be well known. Many however have been quietly working behind the scenes. Doubtless the list is not exhaustive but, by shining the spotlight on these pioneers, HSJ and its partners seek to provide inspiration to the huge reservoir of talent that the NHS is failing to tap."

Dr Raj Kumar said, " this is an unexpected honour, however I am conscious that I work as part of a wider team in the NHS. I shall endeavour to do what I love doing most - continually finding new ways to innovate and improve the quality of care that we deliver to our patients." The full HSJ Top 50 list can be accessed here:

<http://www.hsj.co.uk/Journals/2013/11/27/b/g/g/HSJ-BME-Pioneers-2013.pdf?force-desktop=>

