



### **Dr Graham Stretch**

#### **PCPA President, Clinical Pharmacist and PCN Director**

“It is a great honour to have been asked to take up the presidency of PCPA at this time of great change for pharmacy professionals in primary care. Liz Butterfield, as President, has guided the PCPA with skill and care, laying solid foundations, supporting and leading primary care pharmacy as it has moved into a more confident era.

Pharmacy is taking up a central role in the delivery of care across settings, pharmacy professionals are expertly taking up roles outside the traditional community and hospital settings in urgent care, care homes, general practices and now Primary Care Networks.

The next few years promises to herald a step change, thousands of pharmacy professionals will take up roles in Primary Care Networks and elsewhere, these skilled and talented individuals need proactive support, confident and forward-thinking role models, attentive mentors and strong positive networks. PCPA will facilitate this and so much more.

As individual pharmacists and pharmacy technicians travel on their journeys from preregistration, through foundation towards advanced practice and consultancy, PCPA will provide local and national assistance, offer opportunities to build portfolios, provide training, offer meaningful resources and most of all, be a connected group of coal face practising professionals offering real time, friendly, virtual and face to face networks.

The PCPA is a unique peer to peer association of equals, we champion pharmacy practitioners and the expertise, safety and efficiency they add to any team. We are outward looking, research and evidence based, open and optimistic for our profession's future.”

We lift as we climb, facilitating and supporting members to upskill and thrive, providing an environment that celebrates innovation whilst embracing a sharing culture, generous with its time and expertise, so we all collectively benefit from our most precious resource – our members. I look forward to sharing the next few years with these members and growing together.