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Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity with the Leeds Academic Health Partnership (LAHP), one of the biggest partnerships of its kind in the UK.

Leeds is a vibrant city. As well as having breathtaking countryside on the doorstep, it has been rated the UK's best city centre and has one of the fastest growing economies in the UK. Home to world-leading academic excellence and a number of NHS national organisations, it attracts a high concentration of digital and health technology businesses.

As with any large city, there are also long-term challenges, but Leeds is already grasping the nettle and finding new ways of working together to solve them. Leeds' inspirational leaders have made bold, innovative commitments to reducing health inequalities and to making Leeds the best city for health and wellbeing by 2030.

During its first few years, LAHP laid its pioneering foundations, establishing the Leeds Health and Care Academy, the Leeds Centre for Personalised Medicine and Health and an unprecedented, cross-sector, regional healthtech partnership. We have also helped drive forward a new, inclusive growth strategy for the City Region through our involvement in the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Regional Entrepreneurship Acceleration Program.

All of this is part of a shared, citywide endeavour to help Leeds continually learn, collaborate and adapt, and to help its citizens live healthier lives for longer. And it's the dedication of our partners who are making this possible.

It is an exciting time as the partnership embarks on a new strategic planning cycle. Through the LAHP's convening and navigating role we will build on those foundations to help transform health and care across the city in the coming years. The partnership director will be pivotal, working with the board to shape and lead this phase of our work.

You will need to have experience of working in a complex partnership landscape, be able to maintain a clear vision, have well-tuned political antennae and a calm but determined style. As a capable and respected leader with a keen understanding of the pressures, challenges and opportunities facing each of the LAHP partners, you will galvanise the partnership and ensure that it achieves its goals.

We wish you the very best with your application and look forward hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Tom Riordan Chair, Leeds Academic Health Partnership Chief Executive, Leeds City Council

Please note, role of chair will move to another member of the board in June 2022.

