

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NICE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ANDREW DILLON, APPOINTED CBE**

The Institute is both delighted and proud to learn that Andrew Dillon, its chief executive, has been awarded a CBE in today's Birthday Honours.

**NICE's chairman, Sir Michael Rawlins, said** "This is recognition of the superb work that Andrew has done for the NHS generally and for NICE in particular. He was appointed as chief executive of the Institute, in 1999, with the responsibility to create an entirely new organisation. He has done so in a truly magnificent way; and NICE is now starting to make a real difference. Moreover, although NICE is primarily responsible to the NHS in England and Wales, it has developed an international following for the quality of work it is producing. We are immensely grateful to him for all he has done, and we are delighted that his contributions have been recognised in this way."

**Andrew Dillon said** "I feel very proud to have been given this award. I have been very fortunate in what I have been able to do for the NHS and in the support and encouragement I have received from the people I have worked with. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to them and in particular, to my colleagues at NICE."

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## Notes to Editors

### About NICE

1. NICE is part of the NHS. It is the independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on treatments and care for those using the NHS in England and Wales. Its guidance is for healthcare professionals and patients and their carers to help them make decisions about treatment and healthcare. For further information about NICE you can visit [www.nice.org.uk](http://www.nice.org.uk).
2. NICE produces guidance in three areas of health:
  - the use of new and existing medicines and treatments within the NHS in England and Wales – technology appraisals
  - the appropriate treatment and care of patients with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS in England and Wales – clinical guidelines.
  - whether interventional procedures used for diagnosis or treatment are safe enough and work well enough for routine use– interventional procedures.

NICE also funds four enquiries that undertake research into the way patients are treated to identify ways of improving the quality of care (the investigations are known as confidential enquiries).

3. NICE guidance and recommendations are prepared by independent groups that include professionals working in the NHS and people who are familiar with the issues affecting patients and carers.
4. To date NICE has produced over 70 pieces of guidance for the NHS and has over 200 in development. Guidance to date includes:
  - 62 technology appraisals, (ranging from drugs for schizophrenia, drugs for Alzheimer's, through devices for hip replacements and pumps used by diabetics to infuse insulin )
  - 11 Clinical Guidelines (covering topics as diverse as electronic fetal monitoring, induction of labour and the treatment and care of people with schizophrenia).

Guidance in development includes, clinical guidelines on head injury, infertility, pre-operative testing, and depression in adults and children; and technology appraisals of new treatments for bipolar disorder, and medicines for prevention of flu.

### About Andrew Dillon

5. Andrew Dillon graduated from the University of Manchester in 1975. Following a management training programme, he held progressively senior management positions in the UK National Health Service. In recent years he has occupied Board level posts in a number of London teaching hospitals, including a period as General Manager of the Royal Free Hospital and then Chief Executive of St George's Healthcare NHS Trust.

He has been a member of the Council of the NHS Trust Federation and has contributed to national policy on the allocation of research and development funding in the NHS. He was a member of the Department of Health's International Panel and was a working group member of the EC funded European Collaboration for Assessment of Health Interventions project.

He joined the National Institute for Clinical Excellence as its founding Chief Executive in July 1999