

Conference Keynote Speaker

John Tuckett

Marine Management Organisation

John Tuckett grew up in Yorkshire and graduated from Cambridge University in 1974 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He joined the Royal Navy as an Executive Officer and specialised in submarines. He has commanded two submarines, one of them nuclear powered, and operated in most of the world's oceans, including under the Arctic ice cap.

In 1991 he retired from the Navy to join the NHS as Chief Executive of the emerging Health Authority on Teesside, based in Middlesbrough.

During the next 9 years he led many of the fundamental changes in the NHS as it moved to new models of working with the commissioning of health care services.

In 2001 he joined the Civil Service, initially as Chief Executive of a Medical Agency within the Ministry of Defence providing hospital care for military personnel and their families worldwide. He then led a major change programme across all of the Defence Medical Services bringing in new ways of working across the three services, and in their collaboration with the NHS. In 2004, he moved to the Home Office and led the programme merging the Prison and Probation services together into a new organisation, the National Offender Management Service. In 2006 he joined the Office of Government Commerce as part of the Treasury, and over the next 5 years led reviews in all government departments into many of the UK's largest and most complex change programmes, advising on how delivery and outcomes could be improved.

In 2011 he joined the Church of England working for the Archbishop of York recommending how the Church could undertake for the first time ever, the dissolution of the three dioceses and the creation of a completely new entity within West Yorkshire. He led the establishment and setting up of the new diocese in 2014 before his appointment as Chief Executive of the Marine Management Organisation.

