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## NATIONAL AWARD FOR WARRINGTON GP

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### National Leadership award for Warrington GP Dr Raj Kumar from NHS Chief Executive.



The NHS chief executive Sir David Nicholson presented the National Henry Schein Award for Excellence in Medical Leadership to Dr Raj Kumar in Cardiff last Saturday. The award was given in recognition of his work in supporting NHS clinicians across the country in leadership development as well as for his own contributions and leadership on reform within the NHS. The award was given at a glittering Asian themed ceremony in Cardiff as part of a National Medical Conference.

Accepting the award, the 43 year old GP from the Eric Moore Partnership Medical Practice in Warrington, called for the need to develop more NHS initiatives supporting frontline clinical leadership development across the ranks of Nurses, Doctors and Allied health professionals.

Dr Andrew Davies, Local GP and Chair of Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), said: "On behalf of all the team at Warrington CCG, I would like to congratulate Dr Kumar for his pioneering work in clinical leadership and primary care innovation. In founding the NHS Clinical Leaders Network he provided me and others like me a place to share our learning and develop as leaders."

Dr Raj Kumar has held many a national NHS role at the Department of health and it's associated organisations as a National Clinical lead, Clinical Director and Deputy Medical Director over the last 12 years. In Warrington, the Eric Moore Partnership Medical practice itself was developed by Dr Raj Kumar as part of a modernisation initiative that saw the successful amalgamation and modernisation of 3 small single GP practices into a single large modern award winning practice, based in new premises at Orford and Bewsey.

Amongst his notable achievements in clinical leadership development was the founding of the NHS Clinical Leaders Network. This leadership network has over 4500 senior clinicians as part of its membership and spanned the length and breadth of England. Many of its membership nationally have taken up leadership roles in the NHS and have participated in its leadership development programs.

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