

HIGH LEVEL ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAMS

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WE ARE
TRANSFORMING
LIVES BY
BEING AT THE
FOREFRONT
OF DISCOVERY,
LEARNING AND
TRANSLATION.

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WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF COLLEAGUES MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE, IN MANCHESTER AND AROUND THE GLOBE

Our Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health has an annual income of £122 million, 11,000 students, 3200 staff and an annual budget of £300 million. With over 30 undergraduate courses, and around 90 postgraduate taught courses, the Faculty is comparable to a medium-sized UK university. Combining discovery biology, clinical application and patient care within a single Faculty – particularly in a region with notable health inequality – provides us with a real opportunity to have a very significant impact on people’s lives.

WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN MANCHESTER AND BEYOND

With a total annual income of over £300 million, and 3,500 members of staff, the Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health is comparable to a medium-sized UK university.

In our Faculty, there are thirty undergraduate and 90 postgraduate programmes offering our 11,000 students’ opportunities to develop the skills and knowledge they need for a successful career and beyond. Our eight strategic research domains drive large-scale, collaborative research activities and strengthen relationships with our research and healthcare partners.

The integration of discovery biology, clinical application and patient care within a single Faculty – particularly in a region with notable health inequality – we have a real opportunity to have a very significant and positive impact on people’s lives.

OUR STUDENTS ARE OUR FOCUS

Science is rapidly changing. Our priority is to ensure that our graduates are prepared for a world constantly adapting. We are developing a curriculum which empowers them to learn and achieve, equipped with the knowledge, skills and dispositions for lifelong learning. Our postgraduate students and researchers are at the cutting edge of a diverse range of study, from short-term, professionally linked programmes through to research training in multidisciplinary areas.

We are the largest supplier of healthcare graduates to the NHS in the North West of England. Students within the Faculty develop their practical skills by working alongside professional staff at nearly every hospital and primary care trust within Greater Manchester.

TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND SCIENCE: FROM MANCHESTER TO THE WORLD

Manchester 2035, our bold new strategy, will shape the University for the next decade, with health and life sciences at its core. It’s about all of us coming together to shape our ambitions and take on the challenges of the future.

Our pioneering research and education will not only deliver to this vision but will make a meaningful impact on the health outcomes around the world. Social responsibility is embedded in everything we do to improve the health and wellbeing of society, transforming lives.

But it’s not just about healthcare. Our researchers are working on solving the biggest challenges in environmental sustainability. We are ranked number one in the UK and Europe, and number two in the world for social and environmental impact (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025). Our effort to achieving the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) is unmatched. We’re the only university in the world to rank in the top ten in every year of the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. Our University is also committed to being zero carbon by 2038.

As a Faculty, our size, scale and complexity can bring its challenges, but it is also our strength. The breadth and depth of what we do, as well as our interdisciplinary, collaborative approach provides us with infinite opportunities to make a difference.

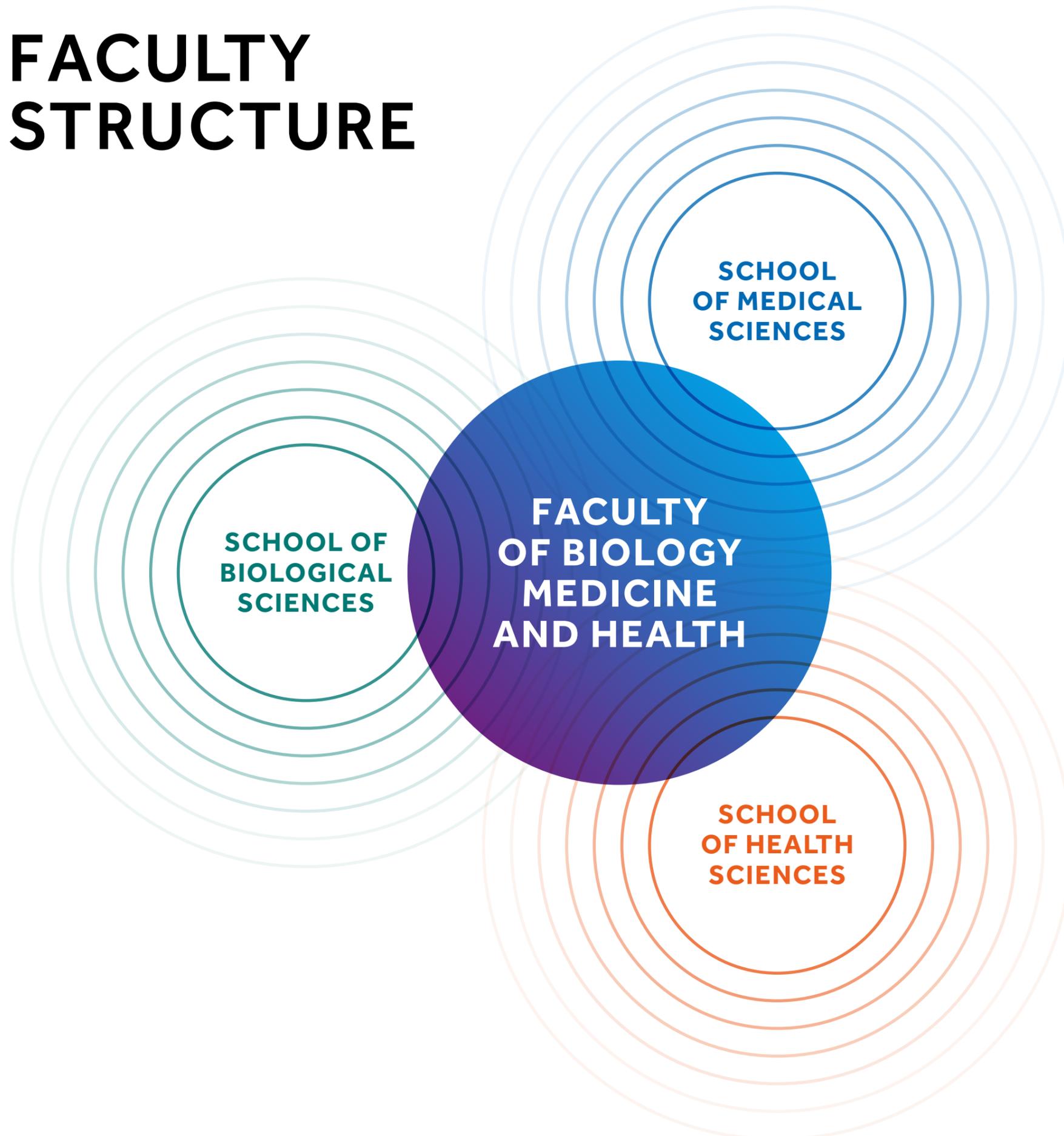
“OUR PASSION, SKILL AND TALENT ENABLES US TO WORK TOGETHER TO TACKLE SOME OF THE WORLDS’S MOST URGENT PROBLEMS FROM MANCHESTER TO THE WORLD.”

Professor Ashley Blom

Vice-President and Dean

OUR STRUCTURE ENCOURAGES COLLABORATIVE WORKING, ENABLING STAFF TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE, WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH AND TEACHING THAT HAS A VERY REAL AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S LIVES.

FACULTY STRUCTURE



OUR FACULTY

We have three Schools, each with six divisions. We also pay special attention to social responsibility, teaching, learning and the student experience, research and innovation, and internationalisation. These areas overlay the Schools and are integral to our ability to deliver our mission and achieve our vision of transforming lives through discovery, learning and translation.

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

- Division of Cell Matrix Biology & Regenerative Medicine
- Division of Evolution, Infection & Genomic Sciences
- Division of Immunology, Immunity to Infection & Respiratory Medicine
- Division of Molecular & Cellular Function
- Division of Musculoskeletal & Dermatological Sciences
- Division of Neuroscience

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

- Division of Psychology, Communication & Human Neuroscience
- Division of Informatics, Imaging & Data Sciences
- Division of Nursing, Midwifery & Social Work
- Division of Pharmacy & Optometry
- Division of Population Health, Health Services Research & Primary Care
- Division of Psychology & Mental Health

SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

- Division of Cancer Sciences
- Division of Cardiovascular Sciences
- Division of Dentistry
- Division of Developmental Biology & Medicine
- Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology & Gastroenterology
- Division of Medical Education (including CHSTM)

FACULTY LEADERSHIP TEAM



Jennie Stewart

Head of Faculty Communications,
Marketing and Student Recruitment



Simon Hubbard

Vice-Dean and Head of the
School of Biological Sciences



Andy Brass

Vice-Dean and Head of the
School of Health Sciences



Tony Heagerty

Vice-Dean and Head of the
School of Medical Sciences



Keith Brennan

Vice-Dean for
Internationalisation



Elizabeth Micakovic

Executive Director of Faculty
Operations



Bridget Griffin

Lead People Partner



Professor Ashley Blom

Vice-President and Dean



Allan Pacey

Deputy Dean



Philippa Woods

Head of Faculty Finance



Matt Crofts

Head of Planning, Compliance and
Governance



Georgina Moulton (interim)

Vice-Dean for Teaching,
Learning and Students



Andy Trafford

Vice-Dean for
Research and Innovation



Professor Natalie Gardiner

Vice-Dean for
Social Responsibility



Paul Dark

Vice-Dean for Health and
Care Partnerships

ACADEMIC MANAGEMENT - ASSOCIATE DEANS

TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENTS

Adam Danquah
Inclusive Education and Engagement

Paul Shore
Flexible Learning and Digital Education

Richard Baker
Quality, Standards and Accreditation

Sam Griffiths-Jones
Associate Dean for Student Recruitment,
Marketing and Admissions

Harsha Parmar
Interim Associate Dean for Teaching Excellence
and Student Outcomes

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Karolina Kluk-De Kort
Associate Dean for Equality,
Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Maggy Fostier
Associate Dean for
Environmental Sustainability

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

David Bechtold
Associate Dean for Postgraduate Research

Andy Sharrocks
Associate Dean for Research Technology

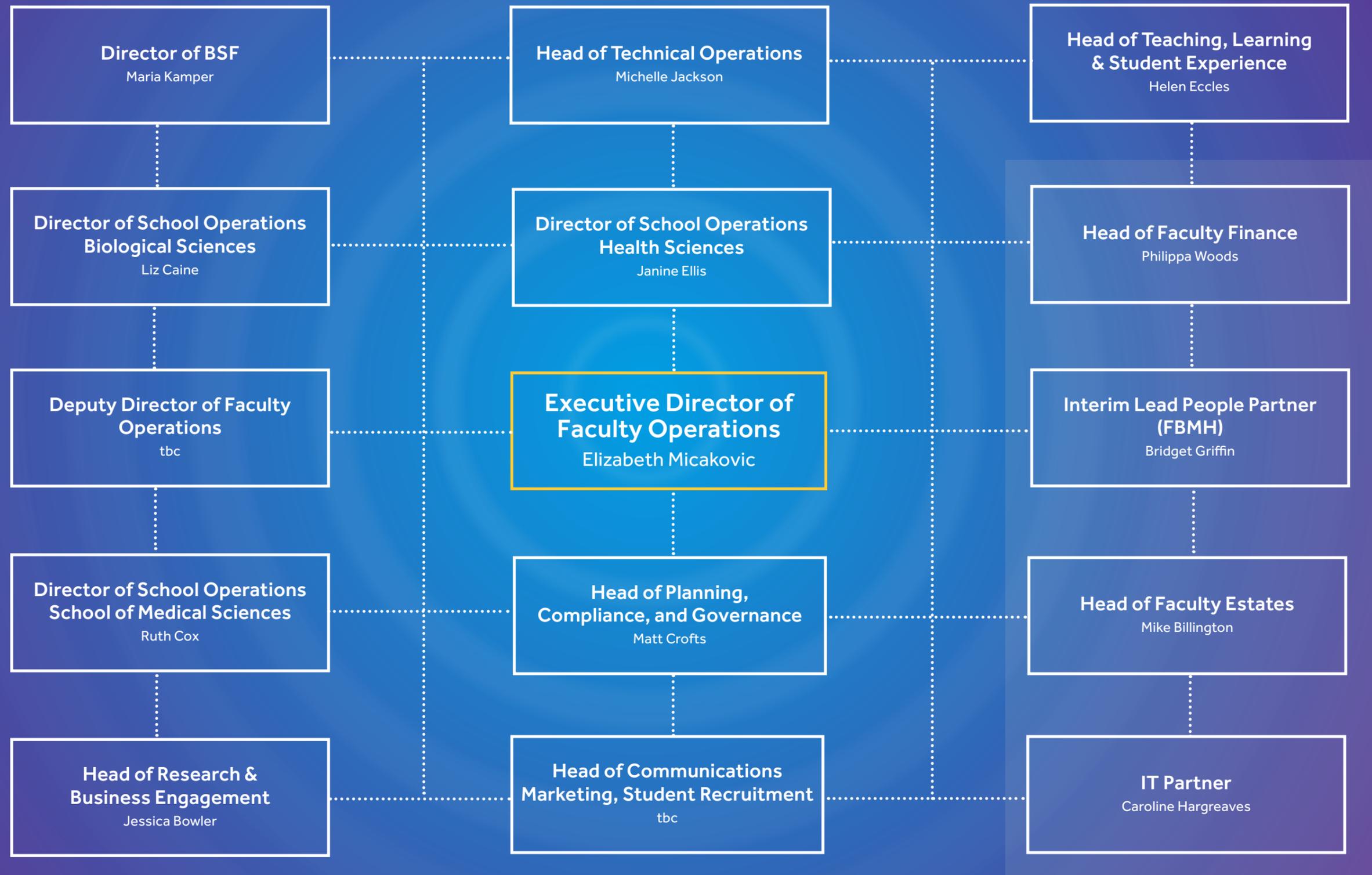
Daniella Delneri
School of Biological Science

Nicky Cullum
School of Health Sciences

Anne-Marie Glenny
School of Medical Sciences

Mike White
Fellowships and Talent Development

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LEADERSHIP TEAM



Staff based in these PS teams report into the central directorates for IT, Estates, P&OD and Finance

HEADS OF SCHOOLS & DIVISIONS

SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Our primary goal is the delivery of outstanding teaching and learning in biology and biomedical sciences, underpinned by world leading research. We are champions of team-based science, engaging in cross-cutting research and teaching activities, as well as focussing on our own specialities.

Ranked 5th nationally for Biological Sciences in the 2021 Research Excellence Framework, we ask a broad range of fundamental questions within the discipline of biological sciences, from basic science and discovery through to clinical trials. We translate our understanding of and discoveries within these disciplines into real world solutions helping to tackle global challenges.

The size and scale of our community of professionals in biological sciences, as well as our local and global partnerships, enables us to work together on pioneering approaches as well as inspiring the next generation with world leading opportunities and teaching.

Professor Simon Hubbard,
Vice Dean and Head of School of Biological Sciences

DIVISION OF CELL
MATRIX BIOLOGY &
REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

**Christoph
Ballestrem**
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
NEUROSCIENCE

Dave Brough
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
MOLECULAR &
CELLULAR FUNCTION

Graham Pavitt
Head of Division

Simon Hubbard
Vice-Dean and Head of School

Sarah Herrick
Deputy Head of School

Liz Caine
Head of School Operations

DIVISION OF
IMMUNOLOGY, IMMUNITY
TO INFECTION &
RESPIRATORY MEDICINE

John Grainger
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
MUSCULOSKELETAL
& DERMATOLOGICAL
SCIENCES

Andrew Morris
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
EVOLUTION, INFECTION
& GENOMIC SCIENCES

Ray O'Keefe
Head of Division

HEADS OF SCHOOLS & DIVISIONS

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The School provides undergraduate and postgraduate education across the field of health related professions. Our researchers have a wealth of expertise across the field of health science and a strong reputation for applied health research, contributing to policy change. Our research activities tackle health and social care issues at local, national and global level while also enabling us to continually evolve and achieve teaching excellence.

We are uniquely placed to drive change where it is desperately needed thanks to the breadth and depth of our specialisms as well as our understanding of the complex systems which govern the healthcare sector. As a community of health science professionals we understand the realities of the systems but critically, we sit outside the system itself, allowing us to be a driving force for change. We know how to translate our research into real world impact; from the development and implementation of new technologies to the creation of new professions and ensuring our professionals of the future have the capabilities they need. We have the talent, skills and experience we need to make a real difference and as a School we are focussed on giving our colleagues the time and resources they need to do this vital work. Our work spans a diverse portfolio but we are united by our shared values and committed to working collaboratively cross School, Faculty and Institution to find the right solutions to the challenges of today and the future.

Professor Andrew Brass

Vice Dean and Head of School of Health Sciences

DIVISION OF
PHARMACY &
OPTOMETRY

Kaye Williams
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
POPULATION HEALTH,
HEALTH SERVICES
RESEARCH & PRIMARY CARE

Jamie Kirkham
Head of Division

Andy Brass
Vice-Dean and Head of School

Hilary Mairs
Deputy Head of School

Janine Ellis
Head of School Operations

DIVISION OF
NURSING, MIDWIFERY
& SOCIAL WORK

Dawn Dowding
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
INFORMATICS, IMAGING
& DATA SCIENCES

John Ainsworth
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
PSYCHOLOGY &
MENTAL HEALTH

Richard Brown
Head of Division

DIVISION OF
PSYCHOLOGY,
COMMUNICATION &
HUMAN NEUROSCIENCE

Nils Muhlert
Head of Division

HEADS OF SCHOOLS & DIVISIONS

SCHOOL OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

A world leading integrated medical sciences research and teaching School, we are the largest provider of healthcare graduates to the NHS in the Northwest and are host to the largest medical school in the UK as well as the highest-ranking Dental School in the north of England.

The School carries out internationally recognised research spanning bench-side research science in areas such as Cardiology and Developmental Biology through to clinical trials. Strong funding links with major UK charities support our research and generate an annual income around £30 million. We have one of the University's Research Beacons in Cancer Sciences, represented through our Division of Cancer Sciences and through our partnership with the Manchester Cancer Research Centre.

Our reach goes beyond the UK and we have international curriculum licencing agreements in Egypt and the Middle-East alongside a long standing partnership with the International Medical School. Plans to support our international teaching will come from the creation of a £2 million dental hub facility, the refurbishment of external lecture theatre space in Stopford and modernisation of teaching rooms as we transition to Team Based Learning (TBL) practice for the MBChB Medicine and eventually some of the BDS Dentistry programmes.

Professor Anthony Heagerty

Vice Dean and Head of School of Medical Sciences



THANK YOU
FOR THE
CONTRIBUTION
YOU MAKE
EVERY DAY