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Personal statement regarding Richard Granger

Richard Granger has announced that he will transition from his full-time post as the Chief Executive of NHS Connecting for Health.

Granger will leave NHS Connecting for Health, the Department of Health Agency responsible for delivering the National Programme for IT to the NHS in England, later this year.

He will return to work primarily in the private sector during 2008. He is currently considering several significant approaches.

Granger said: "My decision should be seen in the context of the changing role of the centre of the NHS and the fact that when I took on this challenge I said I would give this job five years.

"I am proud of what has been achieved by the team I established following my appointment in October 2002. I passionately believe that the programme will deliver ever greater levels of benefit to patients over the coming years.

"There remains a number of challenges ahead, but I firmly believe that the leadership of the programme by Lord Hunt, David Nicholson and my colleagues within NHS CFH will ensure these hurdles are overcome.

"I want to acknowledge the enduring professional support I have received from my team and colleagues throughout the NHS."

An announcement regarding the identification of a successor and transitional arrangements will be made by the Department of Health in due course.

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