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Article Body	<p>NHS Grampian has appointed Professor Seshadri Vasan as the Director of Research and Development (R&amp;D). He will lead the development and implementation of a new R&amp;D Strategy, be a Deputy Caldicott Guardian, and champion the interests of the North as NHS Research Scotland Management Board Member, Opportunity North East Life Sciences Board Member, and Non-Executive Director of InnoScot Health.</p> <p>He said: "Research enables better patient care and population health outcomes, a more engaged workforce, and a more effective NHS. We will highlight opportunities, co-create solutions, and facilitate all aspects of clinical research as the Grampian Research Office. NHS Grampian will work together with InnoScot, NHS Research Scotland, Opportunity North East, Robert Gordon University, University of Aberdeen and external partners to address unmet needs and achieve this equitably for all our people."</p> <p>Vasan returns to the NHS system, after he last served as the customer delivery director for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in 2019. He has substantial academic, private and public sector experience across India, Malaysia, UK, USA, Victoria and Western Australia.</p> <p>He recently led the preclinical response to COVID-19 for Australia's national science agency CSIRO, and his team of 92 to the CSIRO Chairman's Medal. Prior to this work at the Geelong high-containment laboratories in Australia, he was at the equivalent Public Health England facility in Porton Down, England. His team work as the innovation lead for Public Health England was recognised with the RCUK Impact Award for contribution to society and the British Expertise international healthcare award.</p> <p>Vasan obtained his master of public health from Manchester, master of business administration from the Edinburgh Business School, and doctorate from Trinity College, Oxford, as a Rhodes scholar. He is honorary professor of medical and health sciences at the Edith Cowan University in Australia and the University of York in England.</p> <p>To engage with life sciences, health and medical research and innovation, look out for future announcements about the IX Grampian Research Conference scheduled to take place at Aberdeen in mid 2024.</p>