



**Mr Shane Lester**

Shane is the Northern Cancer Alliance Head and Neck clinical lead and a full time ENT Head and Neck consultant in James Cook University Hospital. Originally from Northumberland and trained in Manchester, the Northern Deanery and Canada he has 14 years as a cancer consultant in the North East.

Clinically he has overseen the introduction of LASER and then robotic surgery to the oropharynx, surgeon led ultrasound clinics, day case neck surgery and complex airway malformation treatments.

Working first as MDT lead and now as NCA lead since 2022 he has reintroduced the regional pathway meetings, has overseen the update of the pathway to three referral streams and the move to the Faster Diagnosis Standard.

With an interest in health inequalities and patient led follow up he is involved in the ongoing reorganisation of the regional cancer centres to meet national cancer standards.