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Andrew Vallance-Owen (MBE, DUniv (B'ham), MBA, FRCS Ed) chairs the Private Healthcare Information Network, which analyses and publishes comparative data from the UK's private hospitals and consultants. He also chairs the Medcover (Poland) Medical Advisory Panel and is Senior Independent Director at the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Foundation Trust (a specialist leading cardiac and respiratory hospital).

Qualified at Birmingham University Medical School, and later undertaking surgical training in Newcastle upon Tyne and Melbourne, Australia, Andrew began his career within the British Medical Association, BMA. Initially Provincial Medical Secretary for the North of England, he was promoted to the post of BMA Scottish Secretary. Latterly he moved to London to become Head of Central Services and International Affairs, a role which also developed into Head of Policy Development.

Andrew became Medical Director of Bupa Hospitals in 1994 and, in 1995, became Bupa's Group Medical Director (Chief Medical Officer) where he furthered his interests in the quality of health care, clinical audit and the measurement of patient reported outcome. He continues to be invited to speak on the latter at international conferences. Reaching the age of 60, he retired from Bupa in March 2012.

Since leaving Bupa, Andrew has established a portfolio of non-executive roles in healthcare. He started working with UK Trade and Investment in 2011 when he became Chairman of UKTI's Healthcare Business Group. He chaired the South West Academic Health Science Network from April 2013 to May 2015 and was the Specialist Medical Advisor to Healthcare UK from when it was formed in 2013 to January 2016. He has spoken for them in a number of countries and covered various missions to Brazil, China, India, Libya, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

Andrew was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to healthcare in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2014 and awarded an Honorary Doctorate of the University by the University of Birmingham in July 2012. He is married with three children and is very involved in secondary education and loves sailing and jazz.