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Maqsood is a highly experienced Inclusion, Equalities and Diversity expert with 15 years of experience of developing and delivering policies and programmes on behalf of ministers, board members and chief executives. Currently Maqsood leads on number of inclusion and equalities programmes and advises the NHS Chief Executives and senior managers on all aspects of equality and human rights. In his previous role working for the Home Office he was the adviser to Home Secretary, Policing Minister and Home Office Directors and led on police equality and human rights policy and programmes including the implementation of Stephen Lawrence Inquiry recommendations.

Maqsood received the honour of an OBE from Her Majesty's the Queen in December 2010, awarded the Equality and Diversity Ambassador of the year Award in 2009 by Home Office and has been selected for the NHS Top Leaders Programme designed for chief executives and potential chief executives

Maqsood is currently the Director for Inclusion and Equalities, NHS Midlands and East and Director for NHS Equality Delivery System (EDS Implementation-phase one). The EDS is commissioned by the Equality and Diversity Council, chaired by Chief Executive of NHS, Sir David Nicholson. Prior to joining the NHS Midlands and East in October 2009, Maqsood held the following senior positions:

- Head of Police Equality and Diversity Policy, responsible for: working to support the delivery of equality and diversity policy across the police service; for promoting the coherence of policymaking on equality and diversity across the police service and for developing systems to mainstream equality and diversity in all aspects of the Home Office's policy making affecting the police service.

- Strategic Director of DCC (Diversity, Confidence and Communications) for the National Offender Management Service (NOMS): London, responsible for developing, mainstreaming and implementing equality and diversity, confidence and communication strategies.

- Assistant Inspector of Constabulary for Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary (HMIC) undertaking police inspections focusing on equality, diversity and human rights.

- Director of Kirklees Equality Council responsible for the strategic and human resource management, management of equality programmes including complainant aid, harassment and multi-agency partnerships.