

## OUR PATRON



In 2015 Dr Vinodh Devakumar very kindly agreed to be our Patron.

Since May 2009 Dr Devakumar has been a Consultant Physician and Rheumatologist with the Pennine MSK Partnership Ltd & the Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.

As well as looking after general rheumatology patients in Pennine MSKP Ltd Dr Devakumar also works alongside the multidisciplinary team and provides support and training to rheumatology and GP trainees.

Dr Devakumar is presently Training Programme Director for General (Internal) Medicine for Health Education North West. He has previously been British Society of Rheumatology (BSR) regional chair and a panel member of the BSR Education and Training committee. He is committed to education and training and is an advanced life support instructor and course medical director, a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and MRCP PACES clinical examiner.

He is an external clinical advisor for the Care Quality Commission and specialist advisor for the Parliamentary Health Services Ombudsman and a regional specialty advisor for the Royal College of Physicians and a member of the North West Rheumatology Peer Review Steering committee.

Dr Devakumar was the speaker at our meeting in June 2014 and he played an active part in the planning and organisation of the regional update held at the Royal Oldham Hospital in March 2015; he chaired and facilitated the meeting on that day.

He is making a return visit as speaker to the North West meeting in September and is actively involved with organising our second regional meeting to be held in Oldham later this year on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.