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Jim has been Head of the Cumbria Unit of the Regional Medical Physics Department since 2002. He is based at the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle. He specialises in Clinical Engineering but has overall responsibility for the Medical Physics services provided to North Cumbria Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and to the Cumbria community. Current clinical interests include the provision of assistive technology services for people with disabilities, and, the development of medical device equipment management systems.

He trained in physics technology at the University of Edinburgh's, Department of Natural Philosophy and subsequently went on to work in the Physics Departments at the University of the South Pacific and the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. He then moved into the NHS working in the Department of Clinical Physics and Bioengineering at Belvedere Hospital, Glasgow where he managed the radiotherapy technology service.

Subsequent moves saw him participating in a UK Government initiative to provide scientific and engineering support to developing health services in the Middle East. This was followed by spells working as a Biomedical Engineering Consultant for the World Health Organisation providing clinical engineering and management advice to the Departments of Health in Malaysia, The Philippines and Vanuatu.

Following a period back in Edinburgh, managing the University's Veterinary School, Jim was appointed Head of Electronics at the Regional Medical Physics Department, Newcastle upon Tyne in 1991. His work there involved the management and development of services in medical electronics, radiotherapy technology, clinical instrumentation, clinical measurement, medical device safety and equipment management. He was also heavily involved in the development of training and education programmes for Clinical Technologists both locally and nationally. Between 1994 and 1997 he was Chairman of the Association of Medical Technologists. From 1997 until 2001 he was a member of IPEM Council and chaired the IPEM Clinical Technologists' Committee. He was also heavily involved in launching the Voluntary Register of Clinical Technologists in 2000 and the IPEM Training Scheme for Clinical Technologists in 2001.