INTERVIEW PRESENTATION

SPEECH FOR

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(**Slide 1**) Hello everyone. I want to thank each one of you for allowing me the opportunity to be here today and to meet all of you face to face. Although I appreciate the time you have invested in hearing what I have to say through our substantial and enlightening phone conversations, there is nothing like being in the same room to experience the energy, strength, and humanity of each one of you, and it is my intention that you all feel the same about me. I would like to extend special thanks and acknowledgements to (**Medical Director**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and (**Clinical Director**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Your combined contribution and impact on this community is an inspiration and as I share my experience, philosophy and plans of action, I am confident that my potential contribution to this organization will serve the people of Orkney and promote health and well-being. The topic of my presentation is, “How do I see my role in improving the quality of care in NHS Orkney?” I will address several points, and as I delineate my experience, purpose, leadership skills and determination, I invite you to ask yourselves the flip side of this question. How do **YOU** see **ME** fulfilling the role of supporting the improvement of the quality of care at NHS Orkney? Hippocrates said, “Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity.”

(**Slide 2**) In order to thoroughly address the question so that you will feel confident in my abilities and intentions, I have done my research and assessed the current standards and challenges facing the maternity and gynecology services in Orkney. I believe in the power of thoroughness in research, treatment, and respect for all elements involved in medical practice and to that end I had informative and enlightening discussions with Dr. Hillary McPherson, Mrs. Marie O’Sullivan and Orkney’s current obstetrician, Dr. Earnest Akrong. Each conversation brought insights and ideas about how to support this fine and dedicated medical community. In order to really have a global perspective on the issues and conditions facing the NHS, I also sought out the wisdom and observations of Michelle Mickie, midwives Pam and Morag, Dr. Michael Dohm and Dr. Caesar Zawal, both fine surgeons with unique points of view, and others, including the anesthetist Dr. Borlan, Dr. Peter Fay, Dr. Christine Bain, and Dr. Marthinus Roos. My goal was to gather some idea of the vision of the future as set forth by the medical professionals that keep this community vital and functioning. All of the information and observations gathered in these dialogues, combined with the RCOG manifesto to encourage change from 2013 onward, worked to inspire the passion and vision I have for NHS Orkney and NHS Grampian.

The RCOG coined their strategic initiative for 2012-2015 “Tomorrow’s Specialist,” and I believe that has been my silent mantra throughout my career. We have to work today to secure the skills and impact of tomorrow.

(**Slide 3**) There are various roles, albeit, all challenging, that I envision need to be fulfilled in order to achieve our mutual objectives. Let’s remember that Helen Keller said, “Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.” Personally, I relish the challenge to bring increasingly greater levels of care, compassion and health to the communities in which I serve, and I have been so impressed with the medical and administrative teams that comprise the NHS here in Orkney. Due to time constraints, I will be brief and highlight the opportunities to evolve the culture of work.

In order to modernize the NHS and the ways in which it serves this community, it is essential to identify what is needed and to be realistic in order to implement and offer safe, cost effective, quality, **patient** centered care. I am sure we all realize the urgency to incorporate more innovative techniques and systems. We may have a unique geographic and logistical atmosphere, and for the most part we are blessed with the abundant nature and resources around us that can be a gift and a challenge, but there is no reason to keep us from adopting new and more modern techniques to nurture and save lives. We are all devoted professionals and as such we possess the essential qualities needed to expand our capabilities, our knowledge base, and our ability to organize and partner each other for maximum impact and benefit to the community. Relationships are fundamental to evolving any system and I know that with this team, mutual support and understanding will work to accomplish unprecedented improvements. I advocate breaking down barriers and forging partnerships to make sure the job gets done. The ultimate goal is excellence in all aspects of patient care, procedure and communication.

(**Slide 4**) I believe that every aspect of patient care is crucial to our well being as an organization. All levels and departments must have synergy. From primary care to secondary care, from social care to public health, what is it that we have to achieve in order to effectively serve the community? Let’s face it, as sure as we’re all sitting here, each one of us has been, are, or will be a patient. How do **YOU** want to be treated? Think about it. Empathy goes a long way. I know I’ve thought about it, and I know we have to emphasize the highest standards of care and support at every level of personal health and well-being. I believe in advocating for accountability on every level and each one of us, as stakeholders, would benefit by having a Quality Care Commission that would oversee and encourage all aspects of integrity and responsibility with regard to the health care of this region. PROMS, or Patient Related Outcome Measures, would work to encourage even more mindfulness and positive results. I believe we need to encourage healthy lifestyles in partnership with quality medical services.

(**Slide 5**) I know it seems like I have a lot to say, and I do. I have worked in this specialty for many years and I really appreciate what it’s like to be a part of a strong, focused, compassionate and committed team. I believe that the team of NHS Orkney and NHS Grampian are doing a wonderful job for its constituents, and I also believe that with my skills, knowledge, and commitment to well being, together we can create and nurture a modern and viable gynecological service of unparalleled quality. I am honored to be a candidate for this position. I consider it the opportunity of a lifetime, and it would be a privilege to serve this community with you and for you.

Thank you all!