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Pav is an equality and employment law specialist whose professional career has spanned the public, private and voluntary sectors. He is currently head of equality at Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Trust and a public governor at Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

He joined the NHS after working as a political advisor to a shadow minister in the Home Affairs team in Parliament.

Prior to this, Pav spent a decade overseas. As a director of UNI Global Union in Switzerland, Pav negotiated global agreements with private sector multinational companies; helped negotiate a UN convention to prevent violence against women and men at work and helped draft a UN global compact on safe and orderly migration.

A central tenet of Pav's career has been the defence of human rights and workers' rights.

Pav was head of equality in the UK's Department of Education; public appointments ambassador in the Government Equalities Office; and an employment tribunals' member in the Ministry of Justice.

Pav is a long serving Director of UK Black Pride which tackles intersections of race, faith, and sexual orientation, and is a campaigner for disability rights.

Pav continues to serve his community as a Preston City Councillor. He holds a BA (Hons) and MA from the University of Cambridge, and an MA in labour economics from L'Università Degli Studi di Torino in Italy.