

Simona has been a consultant anaesthetist at Salford Care Organisation since 2008.

Having completed her preclinical years at St Andrews University, she qualified in Medicine from the University of Manchester in 1999 and remained in the Northwest for all her postgraduate training in medicine and anaesthesia.

Simona has had various clinical and management roles at Salford and was a member of the initial team introducing endoscopic spinal surgery to Salford, the first UK centre outside London to establish this service.

Other interests have been anaesthesia for upper GI and bariatric surgery, and orthopaedic anaesthesia including development of the POPS service at Salford (Preoperative Care for Older People undergoing Surgery). Simona also led the move of orthopaedic services from Salford, first to Trafford General, and later to Fairfield General Hospital.

Currently, Simona enjoys being the recruitment and job planning lead at Salford for over 70 anaesthetic consultants and speciality doctors and has recently established a program for MIT doctors in her trust. Along with her clinical and management work, she remains committed to undergraduate and postgraduate education.

Outside of work, Simona is a full-time mum, loves spinning and yoga, appreciates an occasional cocktail with friends and is trustee for a charity.