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Stephen is a member of the senior management team at BAE Systems Samlesbury in charge of a team of production system design engineers. His current focus is the design and implementation of a lean strategy to take the F35 Lightning II development programme through to production with a target rate change from 20 days to 1 aircraft a day. This involves ensuring synergy and cohesion in the principles and methods of lean deployment across international partners. Stephen also supports delivery on the company's Lean Learning Academy.

Prior to joining BAE Systems Stephen was a senior member of a lean consulting organisation where he developed and rolled-out lean transformation programmes for his international client base. Before that he was a Lead APS Consultant with Airbus UK.