

NPCC Biographies 2019

William Beer



Will is a Consultant in Public Health within Aneurin Bevan University Health Board having held various posts in South Wales since 1998. He completed a Master's in Public Health at the University of the West of England and became a Member of the Faculty of Public Health in 2016. Will is leading on Integrated Well-being Networks as part of the Transformation programme in ABUHB funded by Welsh Government. He is passionate about community orientated approaches to health improvement and the role of primary care clusters in working collaboratively to plan and deliver services locally. Will is also the Cluster Lead for Newport East Neighbourhood Care Network

Andrew Goodall



Dr Andrew Goodall was appointed to the role of Director General of Health and Social Services/Chief Executive NHS Wales in June 2014. His role includes both supporting Ministerial priorities for health and social care within the Civil Service structures, and the leadership and oversight of NHS Wales.

Including this current role, Andrew has been an NHS Chief Executive in Wales for 14 years, his previous post being that of Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, a position held from the Health Board's inception in October 2009 until 2014.

During his 28 year NHS career, Andrew has held planning and operational positions across a number of NHS organisations across South Wales as well as national roles. He has particular areas of interest in improving patient safety, quality and patient experience; partnership working across Public Services; and delivering frontline services through service improvement and modernisation. Dr Goodall has a law degree from Essex University and a PhD in Health Service Management from Cardiff Business School. Dr Goodall was awarded a CBE in the 2018 New Year Honours for his services to Health, to Social Care and to public service in Wales.

Iestyn Davies



Born and raised in Brynaman. Attended the local primary school before attending Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera. Qualified from the University of Wales College of Medicine in 2005. Having done foundation jobs I initially entered a surgical training scheme before changing to GP training, and qualifying in 2011. Shortly after I became a partner at Clydach Primary Care centre. My specialist interest is Sports Medicine. I have also worked with Swansea City AFC, the MCAs service in Swansea and the Cardiff Musculoskeletal Clinic.

In 2017 I became Cwmtawe cluster lead for a population of 40,000 5 GP practices encouraging a wide view on improving health and well-being and appointing both social prescribing and early years workers with partner agencies.

In the same year working closely with the Primary Care team I led the mergers of three of the cluster practices creating the Cwmtawe Medical Group with over 25,000 patients. In November 2018 Cwmtawe cluster were awarded £1.7M of transformational funding from WG, to achieve a cluster led integrated health and social care system for the cluster population.

I am passionate about improving health and well-being for the populations of Clydach, Morriston and Llansamlet and working closely with the wider community and partner agencies to achieve this. I am also committed to developing a new more sustainable model of primary care for the future.

I am married and have 2 girls. In my spare time I enjoy keeping fit, following a variety of sports and also travelling.

Sharon Miller



Sharon Miller is currently Head of Primary Care within Swansea Bay University Health Board and also acts as the World Health Organisation Healthy City Co-ordinator for the Swansea area.

Sharon has over 30 years NHS experience originally starting her career in primary care working closely with independent contractors to shape primary care strategy and services.

Sharon gained her MBA from University of Glamorgan and subsequently spent a ten year period undertaking senior roles in strategic planning and partnerships being responsible for three Health, Social Care and Well Being Strategies across partner agencies and facilitating Healthy City designation for Swansea as a member of the UK and European WHO Healthy City Networks.

Sharon has a particular interest in improving health and well-being and reducing health inequalities, working closely with Public Health Wales and the primary care clusters. She has contributed to a number of European case studies and conferences highlighting local work.

Over the last year in particular she has been working closely with Cwmtawe cluster developing the transformation whole system approach for clusters and acting as a member of the implementation team. She is now supporting other clusters to undertake a transformation programme.

Sallie France



My name is Sallie France and I am a cluster co-ordinator for two clusters within Conwy and Denbighshire Area of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. I have a total of 30 years' experience working in the NHS in North Wales, the last five years within Primary care.

During September 2015, I worked with a project team that managed the transition of 3 GMS practices to become Healthy Prestatyn Iach in 2016 which has a patient population of 22,000 and built up a wealth of knowledge in operational delivery of primary care and relationships. During the last 3 years, I have built up relationships with practices managers in both clusters to drive forward the delivery of new and innovative schemes, leading on the implementation of major projects. More recently, I have co-ordinated the implementation of the North Denbighshire Minor Illness Service.

This service contributes to primary care sustainability, appropriate use of Out of Hours and ED departments but most importantly provides patients with alternative healthcare that educates patients to choose well and to support the care closer to home strategy.

When I am not delivering service change for the clusters, I like to spend time with my family and am busy enjoying my two grandchildren. The weekends are just as busy as the weekdays but both equally enjoyable.

Jodie Berrington



My name is Jodie Berrington and I am the senior cluster co-ordinator for Conwy and Denbighshire within Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. Prior to this, I was part of the project team that managed the transition of 3 GMS practices to become Healthy Prestatyn Iach in 2016 and built up a wealth of knowledge in operational delivery of primary care and relationships across the counties. I have worked for the NHS for 10 years and have spent 6 years of this time in primary care. Since coming into post, my team and I have supported the clusters across Conwy and Denbighshire have matured at a fast pace and are collaboratively providing patients with an excellent health service, whilst supporting the sustainability of neighbouring practices. I have just completed a Master's degree in 'Quality Improvement in the NHS' that has provided me with the skills and knowledge to deliver strategic and operational improvement across the whole health economy. When I am not delivering change in primary care, I am busy looking after my husband and our twin girls, who are about to start the next part of their educational journey in high school. Being a mother of 2 teenagers will no doubt be the most challenging job I have ever undertaken but as with all my roles in and out of the NHS, I look forward to what this brings.

Clare Corbett



I'm a GP partner in a large training practice in Rhyl and share the role of Cluster Lead for North Denbighshire with fellow Rhyl GP Jane Bellamy. I qualified as a GP in 2013 after completing all my training in Yorkshire and decided to move back to my roots in North Wales to start a family. The first 5 years practicing as a GP have been a steep learning curve and I have particularly enjoyed the challenge working closely with fellow cluster colleagues and starting to making real changes for the benefit of the patients and practices in the area.

Jane Bellamy



My name is Jane Bellamy and I share the role of cluster lead for North Denbighshire with another GP in a neighbouring practice. This arrangement works extremely well as one of us is usually available most of the time for queries and questions. I have been a GP partner in Rhyl since 1998 and prior to that was a partner in inner city Liverpool following medical school and VTS there. The move to Wales was due to my husband's post as consultant cardiologist BCHUB and neither of us have ever regretted the move. North Wales is a fantastic place to live, work and bring up a family.

Gemma Burrows



Gemma is Principal Public Health Practitioner in the Aneurin Bevan Gwent Public Health Team. She is currently leading on Integrated Well-being Networks as part of the Gwent Regional Partnership Board Transformation programme funded by Welsh Government. Gemma has worked in public health for 14 years, with a special interest in mental well-being and community-centred approaches to improving health.

Siân Millar



Siân Millar is an English Graduate who gained membership of the Institute of Personnel Management as a post graduate qualification and also of the IHM. Her very first employment was in the Health Service working in Personnel Management or HR and over the years has worked in all areas in the health service including Planning, Surgical Services, Medicine Services, Community Services and now in Primary Care Services.

Siân really relishes the opportunity of developing services aligned to "A Healthier Wales," working with Local Authority and other partners in developing services in Primary Care and the Community which help people stay safe and well at home.

Allan Wardhaugh



Allan graduated from Edinburgh in 1989, and initially trained in General Practice in South West Scotland. During this time, he developed an interest in Paediatrics, which he pursued in New Zealand, before returning to the UK to join the speciality training programme in Child Health in Wales. Further specialisation in Paediatric Intensive Care led him to Great Ormond Street Hospital, before returning to University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff as a Consultant Paediatric Intensivist in 2003. With an interest in outcome measurement, he is a long standing member of the Clinical Advisory Group of the UK PICU audit network (PICANET).

Sally Lewis



Sally has been a GP for over 20 years and was senior partner in a training practice in the Welsh Valleys. She entered a career in medical management in 2011 and was appointed to Assistant Medical Director for value-based care in the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in 2014. Still practising as a GP, Sally is now National Clinical Lead for Value-based and Prudent Healthcare in Wales, and Honorary Professor at Swansea School of Medicine. Her current interests include the utilisation of value-based principles to allocate resource in publicly funded systems, patient outcome data and digital transformation.

Alastair Roeves



Qualified as GP in 1994, and worked in practices in Westminster, East London and Newport (Gwent) for 20 years. Formerly the cluster lead for Newport West until becoming Clinical Director for Primary Care in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. In 2016 he became the Associate Medical Director for Primary Care and Community Services at Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB. In 2018, a period as interim Executive Medical Director has been followed by his current role as Interim Deputy Medical Director in Swansea Bay UHB. He still sees patients in the SBUHB GP Out of Hours service and in a practice in Neath-Port Talbot.

Alastair is also a co-lead of the National Clinical Services Plan for Wales Development Team, working to the Chief Medical Officer for Wales. In this role he has travelled to Northern Ireland, Scotland and New Zealand to research health care systems. In his spare time he is learning Mandarin.

Paul Gimson



Paul is a qualified pharmacist with over 20 years' experience in pharmacy, management and quality improvement and has had a varied career with roles in community healthcare, the NHS, Welsh Government and academia. He has held leadership roles with Local Health Boards, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and Community Pharmacy Wales. Paul is passionate about improvement and helping people to provide better care for their patients. He is a fellow of the Health Foundation and a graduate of their Generation Q programme which led him to 1000Lives, the NHS Wales improvement body based within Public Health Wales. Here he leads on primary care development and improved medicines safety.

Helen Stokes-Lampard



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Helen Stokes-Lampard is Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), the UK's largest Medical Royal College, representing over 52,000 family doctors across the UK and internationally. The Chair shapes policy and leads the strategy of the College, working with politicians, policy makers and the media to ensure that the 'voice' of general practice and GPs is understood and represented.

During her time as Chair she has had an exceptionally high profile and travelled extensively, building alliances and collaborating across the breadth of health and social care with the aim of improving the working life for GP's and insuring the highest possible standards of care for all.

Helen was previously RCGP Honorary Treasurer (2012 - 2016), the first female to hold this position. As Honorary Treasurer she had responsibility for all matters related to the College finances and assets including premises, IT and human resources.

She is a part-time GP partner at The Westgate Practice in Lichfield, Staffordshire, a friendly, dynamic group practice which she joined in 2002, having just completed her academic GP training in inner city Birmingham and at the Medical School in Birmingham University.

Karen Pardy



Dr Karen Pardy is a GP Partner in Lansdowne Surgery Cardiff and the Lead GP for Cardiff SW Cluster. She qualified in 1997 at the University of Wales College of Medicine and completed postgraduate training in Paediatrics as well as General Practice. Through her cluster work she has become inspired by the many community organisations who support health and wellbeing. This led to a number of cluster based social prescribing projects which have been supported by the Neighbourhood Partnership Fund, the Innovate to Save Fund and the Pacesetter Fund. Key projects have been presented at the First International Social Prescribing Research Conference in 2018. Dr Pardy is keen to support the development of social prescribing as part of a holistic care model for people living in Cardiff and Vale. The Cardiff SW cluster team are currently developing a model of integrated care, drawing inspiration from Compassionate Communities with a multidisciplinary team approach firmly embedded in a community support network.

Geoffrey L Smith



I'm a GP with 23 years' experience in general practice. I was born and raised in Caerau, Maesteg and educated at Maesteg Comprehensive School and went on to read medicine at St George's Hospital Medical School, University of London. I qualified in 1993 and after my pre-registration year I went on to complete the Bridgend vocational training scheme in 1997. I returned to Caerau to become partner at Woodlands Surgery in 1998 and became senior partner in 2002. I have been cluster lead since 2014 for Bridgend North Cluster which covers 50 000 patients, 8 practices over 3 valleys.

The area where I grew up and now serve is a post-industrial ex-mining ex-manufacturing valley which makes it one of the most deprived areas in Wales with huge health inequalities. My ambition was to return to the place where I grew up, to help make a difference in an area in desperate need of good medical services. I believe that the Cluster model is a step in the right direction for addressing health inequalities in my locality and across Wales.

Eilir Hughes



Eilir grew up on a farm on the Llŷn Peninsula. He studied Psychology at Bangor University before starting on his Medical studies on the graduate entry programme at Swansea University in 2008. He qualified as a GP in 2017, and returned to his native area where he now practises as Tŷ Doctor in Nefyn.

Shortly after, he was appointed as cluster lead for Dwyfor. He's developed a cluster that pins innovation at its core. Numerous new ways of delivering integrated health and social care are piloted on a Community Resource Team footprint. Advanced Paramedic Practitioners have been deployed in Primary Care, WCCIS roll-out is being piloted, and virtual wards and temporary residence services are being trialled. He is the GP representative for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board's primary care transformation programme.

In 2018 he was selected to the Welsh Government's Agri-Academy's rural leadership programme, where he placed antimicrobial resistance and rural mental health and well-being firmly on the agenda. Within the last year the cluster has managed to reduce its antibiotic use by 25%, the biggest drop seen within the Health Board.

He is a 2019 RCGP Bright Ideas award winner for his cluster work, and regularly provides on-the-ground perspective for both English and Welsh media outlets. His spare time is spent on his road bike around the mountains of Eryri and helping out on the family farm.

Frances Duffy



My current role is Director for Primary Care and Health Science, Health & Social Services Group, Welsh Government.

My Directorate focusses on the development and implementation of policies which improve the health outcomes for the people of Wales in relation to general medical services, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry and providing the professional leadership for therapists, healthcare scientists and allied professions, including radiographers, in Wales.

I previously worked in transport policy and delivery - as Director of Transport for the Welsh Government and before that, Director of Strategy and Investment, and then Director of Rail for Transport Scotland. In those roles I was responsible for large portfolios of investment, in road, rail and public transport; setting strategic investment priorities, overseeing project delivery and management of the Rail Franchises.

I joined the Civil Service as a trainee Inspector of Taxes, specialising in large business corporation tax and the life insurance sector. When the new Scottish Parliament was set up, I worked on the implementation of the Scottish Variable Tax powers and then moved to the Scottish Executive, where I worked on housing policy before moving to transport policy.

I was educated in Scotland and hold a BA Business degree from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. I have successfully completed the Major Projects Leadership Academy programme, run by Oxford University Said Business School and the UK Government Cabinet Office and is an accredited IPA Gateway Reviewer.

Philip Robson



Phil was appointed as an Independent Member of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in 2010. From April 2016 until May 2018 he was the Vice- Chair. He was recently appointed to the position of Special Advisor to the Board. Following an early career in the steel industry, Philip joined the former Gwent County Council in 1983 and spent the next 27 years in Local Government. He held a variety of practitioner roles as a Social Worker and Senior Manager specialising in Child Protection.

He became the Director of Social Services for Powys County Council in 2001 and was appointed Executive Director People and Wellbeing in 2005. This post encompassed the role of Director of Social Services and Chief Education Officer. Philip retired from his position with Powys in December 2008 and since then has undertaken a number of appointments on behalf of Welsh Ministers. These include leading several inquiries into the functioning of Social Services Departments in Wales. In February 2010 he was appointed to the Independent Commission on Social Services in Wales. The Commission was set up to advise Government on the future shape and organisation of Social Services. The recommendations of the Commission formed the basis of the Social Services and Well Being Act.

Within the Health Board, Phil has chaired several committees including Audit, Partnerships and Wellbeing, Strategic Change, Finance and Mental Health and Learning Disabilities. Phil is particularly interested in service integration and currently chairs the Regional Partnership Board.

Ifan Evans



Ifan is the Welsh Government lead for healthcare technology, digital and transformation. His responsibilities bring together several policy and delivery areas including: technology development and adoption, national digital services and innovation, strategic partnering with universities and industry, linked to economic development, and leading delivery of the national strategy for health and care, A Healthier Wales. Ifan is also the national lead for health and care Brexit response, as part of a wider EU and international portfolio. Ifan has degrees from Oxford, Cardiff and Aberystwyth Universities. He has a private sector background with experience in property, retail, leisure, and tourism, and has also served on the boards of a number of social enterprises.

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Rachel Rowlands



Rachel is the Chief Executive Officer of Age Connects Morgannwg, a regional charity working with older people living in Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bridgend and Merthyr Tydfil, a position she has held since 2005.

She is also a Non-Executive Director of Age Connects Wales, a registered charity that works across Wales via national partnership projects and services. In 2017, Rachel was elected as the National Third Sector Representative to the Cwm Taf Regional Partnership Board, becoming Chair in May 2018 and re-elected as Chair for a second year in May 2019.

Rachel began her third sector career in 1995, when she joined the Care & Repair movement – first as an employee of a local Agency, then as a Board Member of Care & Repair Cymru until she stood down as Chair in 2018. She is a passionate supporter of independent Advocacy and represents independent advocacy providers on the Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing.

Rachel chaired the Welsh Government's Technical Group that developed the Code of Practice for Advocacy and was a member of the Expert Advisory Group of the Older People's Commissioner in preparing her Business Case for Advocacy. Rachel was also involved in shaping and leading the work of the Regional Safeguarding Advocacy Projects and the Time for Advocacy? Strategic Insight Project which emerged from the regional project evaluation.

Helen is a Professor in the Medical School at University of Birmingham (Chair of undergraduate GP Education). She is fully seconded away from this whilst being RCGP Chair but was Head of Primary Care Teaching, having had a series of academic roles over the years, including being Clinical Director of an accredited trials unit and interim Head of Dept of Primary Care.

Prior to training as a GP, Helen worked in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for several years and this experience shaped her clinical and academic aspirations. She was a personal mentor for doctors in difficulty in the Midlands until 2016, a scheme supported by the West Midlands Deanery and RCGP Midland Faculty. She is naturally enthusiastic and dynamic with a sense of humour and plenty of pragmatism.

Judith Hardisty



Judith has been Vice Chair of the Hywel Dda University Health Board since January 2017. From March to August 2019 Judith acted as Interim Chair.

Judith joined the UHB as an Independent Member (IM) in 2016. Prior to joining Hywel Dda as an IM, Judith was a former NHS Assistant Chief Executive (Organisational Development) and an experienced HR/Workforce Director. She had more than 20 years' experience of working at Board level with various NHS bodies and nearly 40 years' NHS experience across all sectors. Judith retired from the NHS in December 2015 and is also an external assessor for the Corporate Health Standard and a member of the Academy Wales Advisory Board.

Judith Paget



Judith has been the Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board since October 2014. Judith joined the Health Board as Director of Planning & Operations in 2009 and subsequently became Chief Operating Officer/Deputy CEO before her appointment as Chief Executive.

Judith has undertaken a variety of operational, planning and commissioning roles during her career. She has a keen interest in primary care and community development and holds a MSc in Primary Care Policy & Management. Judith is currently Chair of the NHS Wales National Primary Care Board and is SRO for 111 Programme in Wales.

Judith is a Companion of the Institute of Health Service Managers and in June 2014 won the Institute of Directors – Director in Public Service Award for Wales.