



## NHS WALES PUBLIC HEALTH DELEGATE BIOGRAPHIES

### SPEAKERS

#### **Susan Belfourd**

Susan has been a communications officer in Public Health Wales for five years working on a diverse range of projects and topics for the Health Intelligence and Health and Healthcare Improvement Divisions. She was also involved in key reactive communication campaigns covered by the Communication Team include the 2009-10 influenza pandemic and the 2012-13 measles outbreak. Susan began her communications career at a public relations and public affairs agency specialising in community relations. She has a BSc (Hons) in Business Administration and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.

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#### **Simon Cottrell**

Since 2005, Simon has worked in Public Health Wales as an epidemiologist, leading on influenza, vaccine preventable disease and vaccine uptake surveillance. He has always had a keen interest in communicable disease; completing a BSc in Biochemistry in 1998 and then a PhD in Microbiology. Simon has expanded vaccination uptake surveillance in Wales to include routine reports at various service levels and also manages production of the Public Health Wales national weekly influenza surveillance report. During the 2012-13 measles outbreak in Wales, Simon coordinated surveillance and reporting for the outbreak Senior Response Team.

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#### **Sara Hayes**

Sara started her career in general practice, community paediatrics and refugee health. In 1994 she entered public health and in 2002 became Consultant in Communicable Disease Control based in Swansea. She was the Senior Medical Officer in Health Protection in Welsh Government during the 2009-10 influenza pandemic and then Interim Deputy Chief Medical Officer before becoming Director of Public Health for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board in February 2012.

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#### **Jorg Hoffmann**

Jörg is a specialist in Public Health Medicine and currently holds an appointment as a Consultant in Communicable Disease Control at Public Health Wales. Previously he worked in public health in Liverpool and Nottingham and as a technical Officer for the European Region of the World Health

Organisation in Copenhagen, Denmark. Before embarking on a public health career in 2002 Jorg worked clinically in both Germany and the United Kingdom having trained originally in Ulm and Kiel Universities in Germany.

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### **Catherine Moore**

Catherine is a Principal Clinical Scientist based in the in the Public Health Wales laboratory in Cardiff. She trained as a Biomedical Scientist before taking up her current role as a clinical scientist in molecular virology in 2001. She specialises in the diagnosis and understanding of viruses that target the respiratory and central nervous systems and has a specialist remit for the detection and monitoring of emerging viral infections. Catherine is currently studying to obtain Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists in virology.

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### **Quentin Sandifer**

Since October 2012 Quentin has been Executive Director of Public Health Services and Medical Director at Public Health Wales with responsibility for a range of services provided across Wales including Screening, Health Protection and Microbiology, Clinical and Public Health Governance, Safeguarding, Professional Leadership, Professional Regulation and protection of patient identifiable information (Caldicott Guardianship). He trained initially as a family doctor and spent nearly 3 years working in Canada before returning to the UK in 1992 to take up public health practice. Over the past 20 years he has worked at local, regional and national level in Wales and England.

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### **ALSO ATTENDING**

#### **Rachel Jones**

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### **LINKS**

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board Homepage

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/home>

Public Health Wales Homepage

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/home>

Health Protection Division at Public Health Wales

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=457>

Microbiology Division at Public Health Wales

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=457&pid=20674>

Vaccine Preventable Disease Programme at Public Health Wales

<http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=474>