

CURRICULUM VITAE

Dr Carolyn Harper

MB BCh BAO MRCGP FFPH

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Current Post

Name	Dr Carolyn Harper
Employer	Public Health Agency 12-22 Linenhall St Belfast BT2 8BS
Present post	Director of Public Health, Public Health Agency and Medical Director for the Health and Social Care Board

Education

Undergraduate	MB, BCh, BAO from Queen's University, Belfast 1987
Postgraduate	Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians, London (FFPH) 2006 Membership of the Faculty of Public Health of the Royal College of Physicians, London (MFPH) 1995 Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners, London (MRCGP) (with Distinction) 1992

Diploma in Child Health, Royal College of Physicians,
Ireland

Diploma in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal College
of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London

Diploma in Geriatric Medicine, Royal College of
Physicians, Ireland

Diploma in Public Health, Queen's University Belfast

Certificate in Health Economics (Commendation),
Aberdeen University

**Specialist
Training**

Public Health Medicine – accredited 1998
General Practice – accredited 1992

**Educational
Prizes**

Stevenson Prize in Public Health Medicine, 1996
and 1998

First place in Northern Ireland in the Membership
examination of the Royal College of General
Practitioners, 1992

Magrath Clinical Scholarship in Surgery, 1987

Magrath Clinical Scholarship in Ophthalmology (2nd place), 1987

Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Travel Scholarship, 1986

Milroy Medal in Physiology and Biochemistry, 1984

Hutchinson Stewart Scholarship for 2nd place in 2nd MB, 1984

Hunter Prize for Embryology, 1984

Scholarships

Joan Dawkins Award of the British Medical Association

British Association of Community Physicians Travel Award

Faculty of Public Health Medicine Travel Award

CPD

Compliant with the Faculty of Public Health requirements for Continuing Professional Development

Employment History – Public Health

Deputy Chief Medical Officer DHSSPS

November 2007-March 2009

Consultant in Public Health Northern Health & Social Services Board

Jan 2003 to October 2007

Director of Quality Improvement CMRI, San Francisco

Jan 2000 - Dec 2002

Consultant in Public Health Northern Health & Social Services Board

July 1999 - Dec 1999

Senior Registrar Northern California Cancer Centre

Oct 1998 - Sept 1999

Eastern Health & Social Services Board

Feb 1997 - Sept 1998

Northern Ireland Cancer Registry

Oct 1997 - June 1998

Registrar Western Health & Social Services Board

Aug 1994 - Jan 1997

SHO Northern Health & Social Services Board
Aug 1993 - July 1994

Employment History – Prior to Public Health
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Locum GP	General Practice, Aug 1992 – Jul 1993
Trainee GP	Portglenone Health Centre, Aug 1991 – Jul 1992
SHO Obs & Gynae	Waveney Hospital, Ballymena, Feb 1991 – Jul 1991
SHO Paediatrics	Ulster Hospital, Dundonald, Aug 1990 – Jan 1991
SHO Medicine	Waveney Hospital, Ballymena, Aug 1989 – Jul 1990
SHO Surgery	Waveney Hospital, Ballymena, Feb 1989 – Jul 1989
SHO Psychiatry	Cheadle Royal, Manchester, Aug 1988 – Jan 1989
JHO Medicine	Waveney Hospital, Ballymena, Feb 1988 – Jul 1988
JHO Surgery	Waveney Hospital, Ballymena, Aug 1987 – Jan '88

Current Position

Director of Public Health, Public Health Agency & Medical Director for the Health and Social Care Board

April 2009 to present

Main responsibilities

- Lead and manage the Public Health Directorate within the PHA.
- Statutory responsibility for health protection.
- Develop strategic approaches to improving public health and reducing inequalities through health improvement, service development, screening programmes, research and development and health protection.
- Work with colleagues to assure and improve the safety and quality of health and social care services.
- Work with colleagues to implement DHSSPS strategies, guidance and standards.
- Work with colleagues to address professional medical issues and act as the Responsible Officer for Responsible Officers in HSC Trusts, HSC Board and Blood Transfusion Service.
- Oversee delivery of the public health training programme within the Public Health Agency and ensure it meets standards for training.
- Ensure appropriate appraisal systems are in place within the Public Health Agency for appraisal of medical staff.
- Plan and manage the Directorate budget.

Key Previous Positions

Deputy Chief Medical Officer, DHSSPS

November 2007 to March 2009

Main responsibilities

- Led and managed a team of multidisciplinary staff to provide advice to the Chief Medical Officer on safety and quality, professional medical issues, and service planning.
- Project Lead for public health aspects of the Review of Public Administration.

Consultant in Public Health, Northern Health & Social Services Board, January 2003 to October 2007

Main responsibilities

- Provided commissioning advice on local acute services and regional specialist services.
- Day-to-day lead for Clinical and Social Care Governance in the NHSSB and the Public Health lead on risk management within the Department.

Director of Quality Improvement, CMRI, San Francisco, California Jan 2000 – Dec 2002

Main Responsibilities

- Director of Quality Improvement at CMRI which was the Government-contracted Quality Improvement Organisation for the State of California.
- Led and managed multidisciplinary staff to provide technical assistance on healthcare quality improvement to hospitals, physician offices and nursing homes, serving four million Medicare beneficiaries in California.
- Developed internal quality control processes and improved Department efficiency and work quality.
- Planned and managed a budget of over \$6 million.

Public Health Experience Gained in Previous Posts

Summary

I designed, managed and presented the results of a wide range of projects including:

- Assessing the health needs of a population
- Identifying public health priorities
- Developing and implementing healthcare strategies and plans
- Developing clinical guidelines
- Evaluating health service quality, effectiveness and efficiency
- Communicable disease control.

Examples of work undertaken

- Management of the 2009 pandemic flu and other major outbreaks
- Oversee introduction of new screening and immunisation programmes

- Advise HSC Board on development of new services and reconfiguration of existing services
- Strengthen arrangements to assure the safety and quality of services
- Introduce medical revalidation in the Public Health Agency and act as a Tier 2 Responsible Officer
- Implement a range of health improvement strategies
- Enhance public health research infrastructure and programmes
- Introduce e-systems to support health and social care staff to provide care
- Design of the new Health and Social Care organisations under phase 2 of the Review of Public Administration
- Development of Service Frameworks
- Reviews of urology, dermatology, neurology and rheumatology services, NHSSB
- Reorganisation of Cancer Services in EHSSB
- Reconfiguration of Chemotherapy Services in Northern Ireland
- Regional Review of Intensive Care Services in Northern Ireland
- Outbreak Investigations, response to major incidents, and look-back exercises