



PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATION GROUP



Clare Salters worked extensively within government from the mid-1990s on Northern Ireland constitutional and rights matters, including as head of Constitutional Policy and Liaison at the Northern Ireland Office (2005-2009), where she was part of the team that delivered the St Andrews Agreement and the restoration of devolution, and as EU Exit Lead (2016-2018), where she served as the Northern Ireland specialist member of the UK's team in Brussels for Phase One of the Exit negotiations.

MEDICAL ETHICS



Ian Kerridge is Professor of Bioethics and Medicine at the University of Sydney, Haematologist and Bone Marrow Transplant physician at Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney and a Founding Director of PRAXIS Australia, a not-for-profit organisation promoting education and ethics in research. Ian is currently Chair of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Ethics Committee and Vice-President of the Bone Marrow Transplant Society of Australia and New Zealand (BMTSANZ) and was previously Chair of the Australasian Bone Marrow Donor Registry (ABMDR) Ethics Committee. Ian holds a Master of Philosophy in Bioethics and History of Medicine and is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians and the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia in Clinical and Laboratory Haematology.

vCJD EXPERTISE



James Ironside is Emeritus Professor at the Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences at the University of Edinburgh and was made Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for Services to Medicine and Healthcare in 2006. He has conducted extensive research into neurodegenerative diseases and especially, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. He identified a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in 1996 at the National CJD Surveillance Unit then headed by Professor Robert Will. He has been a member of the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh since 2011, and the Fellowship of the Academy of Medical Sciences since 2002.

VIROLOGY GROUP



Philippa Easterbrook is Senior Scientist in the Global Hepatitis Programme, HIV department at the World Health Organisation Headquarters in Geneva. She led the scientific research and programmatic vision in both development and dissemination of global normative guidance and in the implementation of HIV and hepatitis B and C testing. She holds a first class honours in Biochemistry from University of London and a Distinction in Medicine from University of Cambridge. Within the WHO Global Hepatitis Programme, she provides technical leadership and guidance to Ministries of Health on the implementation of hepatitis screening and treatment scale-up programmes worldwide. For eleven years, she was Head of Department, Professor of HIV Medicine, and consultant physician in infectious diseases at King's College London. Philippa has served as a Member of the UK Medical Research Council Infection and Immunity Committee.

HAEMATOLOGY



Oliver Daniel Tunstall is a Consultant Paediatric Haematologist at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. He is Network Lead at the Southwest Paediatric Haemophilia Clinical Network, Clinical Lead at Bristol Paediatric Haemophilia Service, and a member of the United Kingdom Haemophilia Centre Doctors' Organisation (UKHCDO) Prophylaxis Guideline Writing Group. Since 2012 Oliver has also been a member of the UKHCDO Paediatric Working Party. His areas of special clinical interest are paediatric haemophilia, paediatric anticoagulation and thrombosis, and Down Syndrome leukaemias. Oliver holds a PhD in leukaemia in Down Syndrome from Imperial College London.



Marie Scully is a Consultant Haematologist at University College London Hospitals (UCLH), currently acting as the clinical lead for haemostasis and thrombosis, having spent ten years as the clinical lead for blood transfusion. She has considerable experience in within complex tertiary cases within obstetrics, neurosurgery, intensive care and haemato-oncology associated haemostasis and thrombosis complications. Her particular area of interest is acquired haemostasis and platelet disorders, specifically Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). She runs specialist ITP and TTP clinics and works on obstetric haematology, as part of a team that specialises in treating varied and complex thrombosis, acquired and inherited bleeding disorders.

HEPATOLOGY



Mark R. Thursz is Head of the Department of Metabolism, Digestion and Reproduction at Imperial College and Director of the Imperial Biomedical Research Centre at Imperial College Healthcare. He is Professor of Hepatology at Imperial College London, and Honorary Consultant in

Gastroenterology and Hepatology at Imperial Healthcare NHS Trust. He is a Board Member of the St Mary's Development Trust, a member of the Imperial College Healthcare Charity Grants Committee, and a WHO Global Hepatitis Team Advisor. Mark is also a Trust Director of the Research. He founded and co-leads the PROLIFICA group identifying strategies to reduce the burden of cirrhosis and liver cancer in Africa by controlling viral hepatitis infection.



Aileen Marshall is a Consultant Hepatologist and Honorary Senior Lecturer at the Royal Free Hospital and UCL Institute of Liver and Digestive Health. Her key areas of interest are liver transplant medicine, hepatocellular carcinoma, autoimmune liver disease, and palliative care for patients with advanced liver disease. Aileen is also the services lead for Hepatology for the Royal Free NHS Foundation Trust and the hepatology lead for the North Thames clinical research network. She is the Chair of Hepatocellular Carcinoma UK, a multidisciplinary organisation affiliated to the British Association for the Study of Liver Diseases.

TRANSFUSION MEDICINE



Katie Hands is a Consultant Haematologist with the Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) based at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. She is a member of the British Society for Haematology Transfusion Task Force and is involved in the preparation of evidence-based guidelines relating to all aspects of blood transfusion in the United Kingdom. Katie studied medicine at the University of Dundee and undertook a PhD in the College of Life Sciences under the supervision of Professor Ron Hay.

MICROBIOLOGY



Katie Jeffery is a Consultant in Clinical Infection in the Department of Microbiology, the Infection Control Doctor (ICD) and Director of Infection Prevention and Control (DIPC) at the Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. She has nearly 20 years experience of treating patients with viral hepatitis. Her clinical interests include infection prevention and control, viral hepatitis, and infections in the immunocompromised host. She is also an Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer in Microbiology at the University of Oxford, an Examiner for the RCPATH, Vice President of the British Infection Association, and a member of the Expert Advisory Group for Infectious Diseases for the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

GENERAL PRACTICE



David Johnston OBE is a General Practitioner at the Maine Medical Practice in County Antrim. He is a Clinical Director of Dalriada Urgent Care, an out of hours primary care provider for the Northern Trust. He also works for "Practice 400" which provides care for General Medical Service

designated “violent patients”. He has special interests in pre-hospital immediate medical care, out of hours primary care, and rural medicine. He has been a GlaxoWellcome research fellow with the University of Ulster and was involved in researching rural General Practice in Northern Ireland. David served as Chairman of the NI Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP) from 2008 to 2011 and was also a member of the UK council of RCGP.

HAEMATOLOGY - SICKLE CELL AND THALASSAEMIA



Kate Ryan is a Consultant Haematologist at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Kate has 25 years of experience as a Consultant Haematologist with a broad base of clinical and laboratory haematological experience. She has a special interest in haemoglobin disorders; sickle cell disease and thalassaemia and other rare inherited anaemias. She was Chair of the NHS England Clinical Reference Group for Haemoglobinopathies Specialist Commissioning from 2015-2019. She has written national guidelines and standards of care for these conditions and lead the Adult Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia peer review programme in 2012-13.

PSYCHOSOCIAL



Veronica (Nicky) Thomas is a Consultant Health Psychologist and recently retired as Head of Psychological Services at Guy’s and St Thomas Hospitals Trust (GSTT). She is Consultant health psychologist within Department of Haematology at GSTT Her key areas of interest are sickle cell disease, thalassaemia, and haemophilia, she has specialist experience in the use of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in the management of pain in sickle cell disease. She has lectured on the psychological aspects of sickle cell disease at international conferences for the British Psychological Society, British society for haematology and at the annual sickle cell disease conference in the USA. She holds a PhD in Health Psychology and post-graduate diplomas in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Psychodynamic Counselling.