

Director of Programmes

Sally Warren

Sally Warren is currently Director of Social Care Policy at the Department of Health, responsible for the policy, legislative and financial framework for adult social care. Prior to this, Sally was Deputy Director with responsibility for the Care and Support White Paper, funding reform (Dilnot) and social care finance.

Sally has had over 10 years experience at the Department of Health, including as Private Secretary to the Secretary of State and Deputy Director of Financial Planning, responsible for negotiating the Spending Review for health and social care in 2007 and for establishing governance mechanisms for the new cross Government Public Service Agreements.

Sally was Joint Programme Director for Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Primary Care Trust in 2008/9, leading the development and implementation of a business case to integrate management teams under a single Chief Executive.

Director of Health Protection

Paul Cosford

Dr Paul Cosford is currently the Executive Director of Health Protection Services for the Health Protection Agency. In this capacity he leads the delivery of health protection services in England at local, regional and national levels, combining national specialist epidemiology and local delivery. He is also responsible for the agency's emergency preparedness division, leading their health emergency planning function in England.

Previously Paul was the Regional Director of Public Health for the East of England, leading an integrated public health and social care team between the NHS East of England, the Department of Health and the Regional Government Office. He led the health system's response to pandemic flu in 2009/10.

Paul has made several national contributions, co-authoring a report for the previous Secretary of State for Health on enabling effective delivery of health and wellbeing, and chairing the Department of Health's Coalition for Better Health obesity workgroup with private and public sector organisations.

Paul is an experienced medical leader, and has published on leadership and management for doctors, as well as articles on quality, sustainability, inequalities and lifestyle risk factors.

Chief Knowledge Officer

John Newton

Professor John Newton comes to PHE having been Regional Director of Public Health for NHS South Central since 2007 and Honorary Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of Manchester since 2004.

He has twenty years of experience as a consultant in public health with a strong track record in academic, professional service and senior management roles. As well as being an academic epidemiologist in the University of Oxford for eleven years, he has also been Director of Research and Development in two large NHS teaching hospitals (Southampton and Oxford) and was the first Director and CEO of UK Biobank.

He has a long standing interest in the use of knowledge to drive public health practice. In 2005 he led work for the Department of Health on a national public health information and intelligence strategy and has recently been centrally involved in managing the information and intelligence function for Public Health England.

Chief Operating Officer

Richard Gleave

Richard Gleave is currently the Director of Programmes and Patient Experience at NHS South of England and is leading on the national design and designation of Academic Health Science Networks.

Richard joined the NHS as a National Management Trainee in the West Midlands and spent 18 years working in hospital and community services in central London, the North East and the South West, including appointments as a board director in Sunderland and Bristol, and as Chief Executive of the Royal United Hospital Bath. He has also held academic appointments in health services management at Newcastle University.

Between 2002 and 2009, Richard worked as a senior civil servant at the Department of Health, where he was the Performance Director and then the Director of Planning & Patient Experience. He was a 2007-08 Harkness/Health Foundation Fellow based at Kaiser Permanente and the University of California Berkeley.

He has a first degree in Geography from Oxford University and an MSc in Health Economics and Management from Sheffield University.

Director of Strategy

Jonathan Marron

Jonathan started his career in the Department of Health and spent 12 years in a range of roles covering Choice, ISTC, the Comprehensive Spending Review, Legislation and was Private Secretary to both Simon Burns and Paul Boateng. He went on to work with Monitor as Strategy Director and then, Director of Strategy for NHS SW Essex PCT.

For the last 18 months, Jonathan has been on secondment to the Department of Health as a Director in the PHE Transition Team.

Jonathan holds a first degree in Natural Sciences and an MBA from SDA Bocconi, Milan.

Director of Human Resources

Tony Vickers-Byrne

Tony has been Director of Human Resources at the Health Protection Agency since April 2008.

Tony has extensive senior level experience of human resources management and worked in a number of large hospitals and NHS trusts previous to his appointment at the HPA. These include teaching hospitals such as the Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS Trust, the Royal Free and Hammersmith hospitals.

Tony has previously worked as a HR consultant and clinical governance assessor in the Commission for Health Improvement.

Director of Communications

Lis Birrane

Lis Birrane was appointed Director of Communications of the Health Protection Agency in October 2003. She is a communications professional of more than 25 years' experience.

Before joining the HPA, Lis was Chief Press Officer at the Department of Health (2001-2003) and Chief Press Secretary to the Bloody Sunday Inquiry.

She made the transition from journalism to Government Communications some 18 years ago, and has mainly specialised in health, with particular emphasis on public health and health protection issues.