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‘We will improve care for patients.’

The challenge is immense in this time of political uncertainties, workforce issues, and increasing divisions across the devolved nations. Physicians are facing huge challenges due to increased demand, raised patient expectations and changing demography. If #MedicinesBrilliant then we need a proactive, responsive and respected organisation that has a vast circle of influence which supports its members and is a political voice in these uncertain times.

The vice president for Wales is uniquely placed to influence and shape the forthcoming Welsh government National Clinical Plan for Wales. While its focus is to ensure an agile competent medical workforce, the RCP in Wales must use its levers to ensure that doctors feel supported and valued to remain in the NHS. It must provide tools to enable leadership and wellbeing throughout the physician’s career. For this reason, I fully support the chief registrar model and would ensure that it goes from strength to strength while valuing robust quality improvement and a focus on patient safety, implicit in the RCP’s ethos.

As a current elected member of RCP Council, sitting on the Care Quality Improvement Department’s committee, I have an in-depth insight into the important work of the department. I recognise that a significant proportion of work will be forthcoming from RCP North and as a resident of north Wales, I relish the opportunity to shape the new build in the city of Liverpool and to forge robust links. Lessons learnt from the Future Hospital Programme should continue to be translated into actions, especially the principle of co-production and patient carer networks. While RCP North is an opportunity for ensuring that robust quality improvement methodology becomes a skill all physicians acquire, it must also be accessible.

My clinical work has interfaced with those on the margins of healthcare, often in crisis. Thus, driven by a deep commitment to equality, I have striven to ensure marginalised and vulnerable people have access to high-quality healthcare, through challenging perceptions, prejudices and influencing health policy. I believe the RCP has to give priority to equality and diversity in all its work and should embrace the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act in Wales.

I would bring to the role of vice president for Wales my enthusiasm, energy and ability to network and strengthen relationships.

It would be a great honour to serve as RCP vice president for Wales.

WILLIAMS Olwen E: Declares that she is the current president of British Association for Sexual Health and HIV, a member of RCP Council, a member of the British Medical Association and a members of the Medical Women’s Federation. She is currently being paid, via the RCP, for Quality Improvement coaching and is a Non-executive director the Vertical Future Company.



Curriculum vitae

NAME	
Dr Olwen Elizabeth WILLIAMS OBE FRCP Dip. Ven DFFP FLSW Consultant physician in genitourinary medicine and HIV Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, north Wales	
EDUCATION	
1978–83	MB ChB (Liverpool University 1983). Distinctions in obstetrics and gynaecology, psychiatry
1970–78	Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, Penygroes, North Wales
QUALIFICATIONS	
2019	ILM7 executive coach and mentor
2015	PG Cert Medical Leadership with distinction (University of Wales)
1997	FRCP (London)
1989	Joint committee Certificate in Family Planning/DFFP
1989	Dip Venereology (Liverpool)
1988	MRCP (UK)
APPOINTMENTS AND ROLES	
1992–current	Consultant genitourinary physician and clinical director Amethyst Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) Lead appraiser, Glan Clwyd Hospital Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales 6 sessions/3 days – flexible, annualised hours
2009–15	Chief of staff – Primary, Community and Specialist Medicine Clinical Programme Group Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, North Wales
1988–92	Registrar/senior registrar genitourinary medicine Royal Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool
OTHER POSITIONS HELD	
2019	RCP Improvement Coach – supporting two Health Foundation projects in Northern Ireland
2018	Elected member of RCP Council – member of Care Quality Improvement Department Committee, Honours Committee and QI Fellow
2018	Elected president British Association Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) – term ends Jan 2020
2016	Appointed to RCP London Joint Specialty Committee Genitourinary Medicine
2012	Trustee National AIDS Trust (NAT)
2004	Hon Fellow Bangor University
1992	Hon clinical lecturer Cardiff University
All of the above are ongoing positions.	



ANY OTHER INFORMATION

2017 Elected fellow, The Learned Society of Wales (FSLW)

2016–19 Vice-president, Medical Women’s Federation

2015 Elected to NSPCC Council as honorary member in role as divisional vice president Wales

2015 RCP Wales Executive Committee – co-opted member as Future Hospital development site lead

2014 Welsh ACCEA Committee – ongoing appointment

2014–17 ‘Cartref’ – RCP Future Hospital Development site – delivering innovative outpatients consultation via video conferencing facilities - highly commended in 2016 HSI Value Awards

2014–18 Council member Bangor University – member of Ethics Committee

2010–15 Designed and implemented Enhanced Care Service ‘Virtual’ ward in community – this delivered care closer to home, avoided more than 1,000 hospital admissions per year. Succeeded in obtaining £4.3 million ‘Spend to Save’ Welsh government funding for roll-out

2009–15 Chief of Staff Primary Community, Specialist Medicine Clinical Programme Group – Medical leadership and management role, budget holder – £198m

2009–13 Chair Welsh government Unscheduled Care Board – produced recommendations re ‘Whole System’

2008 Commissioned Sexual Assault Referral Centre – joint North Wales police/health/third sector initiative

2007–12 Commission for Equality and Human Rights Wales committee member

2007–10 Welsh Representative Medical Womens Federation Standing Committee –Trustee

2005–7 Developed Vision of integrated Sexual Health services, integrated GUM and FP services

2006–8 Reviewer on RCPCH /RCP/FFLM guidance *The physical signs of Child Sexual Abuse*

2005–7 Chair of Adolescent Special Interest group BASHH – joint lead on developing National Clinical Effectiveness Guidelines Management STI in children and young people

2005–9 Chair Full Stop – NSPCC fundraising committee Wales – raised £4.2 million

2005 Awarded OBE in Queen’s birthday honours for services to medicine in Wales

2004–7 BBC Audience Council member for Wales

2003–9 Royal College of Physicians specialty representative SAC Wales

2002–9 Academy of Royal Colleges Continuing Professional Development Committee

2002 onwards Editorial Board, *International Journal of Sexually Transmitted Infection*

2000–3 Assistant secretary Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases

2000 Welsh Woman of the Year

1999 Advisor and member of Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) Committee ‘Better Health, Better Wales’, a strategic framework for promoting sexual health in Wales