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Professor Mark Bellis is the Director of Policy, Research and International Development for Public Health Wales, Professor of Public Health at Bangor University and the UK Focal Point to the World Health Organization (WHO) for Violence and Injury Prevention. Mark has undertaken substantive work in the fields of violence prevention, alcohol, drugs and sexual health. He has published over 170 academic papers and more than 200 applied public health reports.

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Jon is Director of Health and Care Research Wales, a professor in psychiatry at Cardiff University and a consultant psychiatrist with the Cardiff and Vale Traumatic Stress Service. He leads the Research and Development Division in Welsh Government with responsibility for developing Welsh Government policy for health and social care research, and for the budget in this area. He also leads Cardiff University’s Traumatic Stress Research Group and remains an active researcher in this field.

Baroness Ilora Finlay

Baroness Ilora Finlay of Llandaff is a consultant at Velindre Cancer Hospital and Professor of Palliative Medicine at Cardiff University where she was previously Vice Dean of the School of Medicine. She has been instrumental in changing palliative care services for the better and was named Welsh Woman of the year in 1996-97. She became a peer in 2001 and has been actively involved in House of Lords debates on various health issues. She is the current Chair of the National Council for Palliative Care (NCPC).
Vaughan Gething AM
Cabinet Secretary for Health, Well-being and Sport, Welsh Government

Vaughan was born in Zambia and brought up in Dorset. He was educated at Aberystwyth and Cardiff universities, and now lives in his constituency with his wife Michelle. Vaughan was a solicitor and former partner at Thompsons. He is a member of the GMB and Unite unions, and was the youngest ever President of the TUC in Wales. Between 1999 and 2001, Vaughan was the chair of Right to Vote – a cross-party project to encourage greater participation from black minority ethnic communities in Welsh public life.

Professor Bill Jordan
Professor in Social Work, Plymouth University

Bill was born in Dublin in 1941 and grew up in South Africa and Dorset. He was educated at Oxford and Exeter Universities and has spent time working as a probation officer and social worker. Bill taught social work and social policy at Exeter, Huddersfield, London Met and Plymouth Universities for 45 years and is a visiting professor in Germany, Denmark, Netherlands, Slovakia and Hungary.

Professor Mona Nasser
Associate Professor in Evidence based Dentistry, Plymouth University Peninsula Schools of Medicine and Dentistry (PUPSMD)

Mona Nasser is the Associate Professor in Evidence Based Dentistry at the Peninsula Dental School in Plymouth University. Mona is also an affiliated researcher with the University’s Cognition Institute and Clinical Trials and Population Studies Group. Her key research interests are conducting meta-research on how research funders contribute to reducing research waste and methods to set priorities for research, oral health inequalities, conducting systematic reviews in aerospace medicine and interdisciplinary research to address priority research questions.

Professor Richard Wilkinson
Emeritus Professor of Social Epidemiology, University of Nottingham Medical School

Richard studied economic history and the philosophy of science at the London School of Economics before training in epidemiology. Richard has played a formative role in international research on the social determinants of health and on the societal effects of income inequality. He wrote bestseller The Spirit Level with Kate Pickett and co-founded The Equality Trust with support from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. Richard is now Emeritus Professor of Social Epidemiology at the University of Nottingham Medical School and Honorary Professor at University College London and Visiting Professor at the University of York.
Professor John G Williams CBE
Professor of Health Services Research, Swansea University Medical School

John graduated in medicine 1970 and spent his early career in the Royal Navy before receiving specialist training in general medicine and gastroenterology. Since 2002, John has been Professor of Health Services Research at Swansea University Medical School and Director of the Health Informatics Unit with the Royal College of Physicians. His research interests include the treatment and management of inflammatory bowel disease, new models of service delivery, patient outcomes, clinical information systems, and health records and data linkage - mainly in gastroenterology.

Dr Nicola Williams
National Director of Support & Delivery, Health and Care Research Wales

Nicola is National Director of Support & Delivery at Health and Care Research Wales. She has been an active researcher for more than 20 years, initially delivering research projects and programmes in primary care and public health. Prior to her role in Wales, she was Deputy Director of Research and Delivery in a large acute Trust in England. In parallel, she has worked as a policy and change advisor to the Welsh and UK Governments and the Health Research Authority. Nicola is also an experienced leadership coach, coach supervisor and trainer.