

Personal Profile:

Name: Colette Jane Bonner

Gender: Female

Nationality: Irish

Irish Medical Council (IMC) Registration Number: 03159

Registered on the Specialist Register (Public Health Medicine) of the Irish Medical Council

Participate in the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (Royal College of Physicians of Ireland) specialist division professional competence scheme.

Education:

Second Level Loreto Convent, Coleraine, Co. Derry

Third Level Undergraduate (1981) Trinity College, Dublin MB.BCH.,B.A.O.

Third Level Postgraduate (1993) Masters in Public Health Medicine University College Dublin

Post-Graduate Qualifications:

1983 Diploma Child Health

1984 Diploma Obstetrics

1987 Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners (MRCGP) Edinburgh

1987 Certificate of Completion of Professional Training (General Practice)

1993 M.P.H. (1st Place) University College, Dublin

1994 Health Economics Diploma (Institute of Public Administration)

1998 Membership of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (MFPHMI) of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

2002 Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine (FFPHMI) of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland

2016 Completion of GP Refresher Course (Irish College of General Practitioners)

Current Employment:

Since 2004 I have worked as Deputy Chief Medical Officer (DCMO) in the Department of Health. My main role as DCMO is to support the Department of Health, the Minister and Ministers of State by providing evidence based public health advice in the development and implementation of policy in the areas of mental health, social inclusion, disability, and blood policy, and the monitoring and evaluation of performance of the health services in these areas.

In 2012, I became executive lead in the area of health protection and emergency management within the Department. This role involved providing national leadership, policy advice, analysis, coordination and communication of health protection strategies. The key priorities were to develop policy and a suitable legislative framework to support public health protection through: control of infectious diseases; national immunisation and vaccination programmes; appropriate public health emergency planning (including pandemic influenza); contributing to European Union and World Health Organisation health protection policy development; and monitoring the implementation by the HSE of all such policy and legislation.

Employment History:

2001-2004 Specialist in Public Health Medicine, Department of Public Health, Eastern Regional Health Authority (ERHA)

1997-2001 Specialist Registrar Public Health Medicine

1990-1997 Area Medical Officer including working in Drug Treatment Centre, Pearse Street, Dublin 2

1983-1989 General Practice Training, Dublin & South Queensferry, Edinburgh, Scotland

1982-1983 Internship

Representation/ National/ International Groups:

Member of the Scientific Committee Food Safety Authority Ireland (2012-2016)

Member of the National Immunisation Advisory Committee (current)

Management Board Member of European Centre for Disease Control (Stockholm) (2012-2017)

Member of the Government Task Force Emergency Management (2012-2017)

Member of the National TB Advisory Committee (2012-2016)

Member of the National Steering Committee on Climate Change Adaptation (current)

Member of the Irish Refugee Protection Task Force (current)

Member of National Steering Committee dealing with child advocacy (current)

Publications (Recent):

As Member of Expert Advisory Groups in the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA)

- Health Technology Assessment of Human Papilloma Virus Testing as the primary Screening method for prevention of cervical cancer (2017)
- Health Technology Assessment of a selective BCG vaccination programme (2015)
- Health Technology Assessment of prion filtration of red cell concentrates to reduce the risk of vCJD transmission in Ireland(2010).

Scientific publication

- O'Flanagan D, Barret A S, Foley M, Cotter S, Bonner C, Crowe C, Lynch B, Sweeney B, Johnson H, McCoy B, Purcell E. Investigation of an association between onset of narcolepsy and vaccination with pandemic influenza vaccine, Ireland April 2009-December 2010. Euro Surveill. 2014;19(17):pii=20789. <https://doi.org/10.2807/1560-7917.ES2014.19.17.20789>

Teaching Experience:

I lecture medical students and trainees in public health medicine.

Currently I am a trainer in public health medicine (RCPI)

Presentations (recent):

Ebola: A whole of Government Response presented at the 5 Nations Health Protection Conference (Cardiff 2016)

Referees:

On request