

Public Health Wales

Clinical Lead for CARIS: Role Description

Reporting to:	Llion Davies, Consultant in Public Health Medicine*
Responsible for:	Congenital Anomaly Register & Information Service for Wales (CARIS)
Job planning:	2 Consultant sessions (per week)**
Term:	Permanent on an honorary contract with Public Health Wales

Overview of the role:

The Clinical Lead for the Congenital Anomaly Register & Information Service for Wales will be responsible for providing clinical guidance to support the delivery of the programme, including:

1. Raise and maintain awareness of clinicians with CARIS
2. Supervise and support clinical audits and projects
3. Contribute to international projects and present Welsh data internationally
4. Maintain links with fetal medicine and paediatrics throughout Wales and with ultrasound via Antenatal Screening Wales
5. Explore additional data sources in clinical settings
6. Take responsibility for annual meeting with an agreed topic and arrangement of speakers.
7. Contribute to the annual report with reference to the agreed topic providing clinical background.
8. Participate in International Clearing House of Birth Defects Surveillance and Research by presenting Wales data / research.

Key responsibilities:

The Clinical Lead will contribute to the functions of CARIS including:

- Liaise closely with CARIS manager and attend weekly CARIS meetings
- Liaise closely with the Public Health Consultant lead
- Provide support to the CARIS team and ongoing development of the website
- Provide clinical input as necessary to the Welsh Paediatric Surveillance Unit, Adult Rare Diseases register, the Child Measurement Programme and CARIS
- Liaise with the Child Death Review Programme for shared cases
- Address diagnostic questions from CARIS staff to help with accurate coding of anomalies
- Negotiate provision of data for CARIS from additional sources
- Liaise with obstetricians and paediatricians and other specialities as necessary
- Support individuals undertaking projects with the CARIS team, including students, trainees and academics
- Maintain current academic links and seek out new collaborations as appropriate
- Adhering to Public Health Wales policies and procedures with regard to CARIS work

Person Specification:

Essential Criteria

Registration with the GMC

Appointed as a substantive Medical Consultant in the NHS in Wales in a clinical specialty relevant to the surveillance work of the CARIS team

Good understanding of policies and regulations relating to clinical governance and data governance

Ability to identify, develop and evidence effective working relationships with key stakeholders, and to influence people and policy

Ability to communicate appropriately and effectively with different stakeholders

Ability to work effectively across teams and diverse professional backgrounds

IT skills in particular, experience of using word processing and spreadsheet software

Previous experience of academic work, such as conference presentations and/or published papers

Desirable Criteria

Experience of chairing of multi-disciplinary and multi-agency meetings

Experience of organising and leading training sessions and/or the development of postgraduate education

Experience using and access to statistical analyses software packages

Higher degree of medical and/or academic relevance (e.g. masters or MD)

*Reporting line established here for purposes of the management of the CARIS team only. It is expected that the appointee will work independently commensurate with their consultant role and all other reporting (including professional reporting and job planning) will remain as per the arrangements in place for the appointee's substantive clinical post. The appointee must acknowledge the CARIS work as part of their whole-practice appraisal.

**Current payment model involves Health Board responsible for the substantive appointment to invoice Public Health Wales for the 2 sessions. Application of the Medical and Dental terms and conditions as per the Consultant Contract for Wales that would be in place for the substantive post. The appointee must include the 2 sessions in their job plan (agreed with their substantive employer).