



Professor Derek Gallen

Postgraduate Dean, Wales Deanery

Professor Derek Gallen has been the Postgraduate Dean for the Wales Deanery since October 2006. His main role is to facilitate the research interests of the deanery team around educational standards and introduce medical education to the generic curriculum of all trainees. As National Director of the UK Foundation Programme, he currently oversees the programme for the UK and was instrumental in securing initial funding. Derek also sits on the Education and Training Advisory Board at the GMC, and was on the Sponsoring Board for the Shape of Training. Derek was also on the Review of Trainers Standards for GMC and the Review of CEGPR (Certificate of Eligibility for GP Registration) and CESR (Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration) routes to the specialist register. Currently he is on the sub group looking at the introduction of a Medical licensing assessment for the GMC.

Previously, Professor Gallen was Postgraduate Dean in Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland (LNR) Healthcare Workforce Deanery from 2003 - 2006. He was the GP Director in the Oxford Deanery and a practising GP in Northamptonshire for 15 years. Whilst Dean at Leicester, Derek developed the research division of the deanery and raised the profile of the deanery at national and international conferences, presenting papers on quality improvements in medical education and training.

Derek was Chair of COPMeD (Conference of Postgraduate Medical Deans of the United Kingdom), from April 2012- October 2014. He has developed many new innovative training schemes for junior doctors in academic medicine and leadership. He is President and was also a founding member of the Academy of Medical Educators, helping to raise the profile and standards of medical education across the UK.