

Prof Jean White CBE, Chief Nursing Officer (Wales)/Nurse Director NHS Wales, Welsh Government



Main qualifications: RN (Adult), PhD, DSc (Hon), MSc, BN, Cert Ed (FE), RNT

Prof Jean White CBE was appointed as Chief Nursing Officer for Wales in October 2010. Welsh by birth, she trained as a general nurse in Swansea and practised as a theatre nurse in Wales and London. Jean has held positions in nurse education, at the Welsh National Board, Health Professions Wales and Welsh Government. Jean has worked with a number of European Governments and is currently an expert adviser to WHO European Region.

Since appointment as CNO her main priority has been on developing the nursing and midwifery workforce in Wales and is currently engaged in implementing the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016.

Jean is an Honorary Visiting Professor to the School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, Cardiff University, Visiting Professor to University of South Wales, Fellow of Swansea University, Fellow of Bangor University and was made Fellow of the Queen's Nursing Institute in November 2016. She was acknowledged in the inaugural Nursing Times Nurse Leaders 2014 list. She was awarded a CBE in the 2017 Queen's Birthday's Honours list.