

PRESS RELEASE

NICE APPOINTS NEW IMPLEMENTATION SYSTEMS DIRECTOR

The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) has appointed Dr Gillian Leng as its new Implementation Systems Director with responsibility for a new programme of work designed to better enable the NHS to implement NICE guidance.

Gillian worked as the Guidelines Programme Director at NICE, and before that at Bedfordshire Health Authority as a consultant in public health medicine. She has gained considerable experience of working in the NHS at a variety of levels, including both primary and secondary care. She is also an editor for the Cochrane Review Group on peripheral vascular diseases and an honorary senior lecturer at University College, London. Research interests include the methodology for evaluating and reviewing evidence, clinical trials and the epidemiology of vascular disease.

Andrew Dillon, NICE Chief Executive said: "I am delighted that Gill has been appointed to head up our implementation team. With her considerable experience in the NHS, she has a good understanding of the challenges faced by NHS organisations in implementing our guidance. Thousands of patients already benefit from NICE guidance. Gill will be working with primary care organisations and hospitals to help them do even better."

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Notes to Editors

About NICE

1. NICE is part of the NHS. It is the independent organisation responsible for providing national guidance on treatments and care for those using the NHS in England and

Wales. Its guidance is for healthcare professionals and patients and their carers to help them make decisions about treatment and healthcare. For further information about NICE you can visit www.nice.org.uk.

2. NICE produces guidance in three areas of health:

- the use of new and existing medicines and treatments within the NHS in England and Wales – technology appraisals
- the appropriate treatment and care of patients with specific diseases and conditions within the NHS in England and Wales – clinical guidelines
- whether interventional procedures used for diagnosis or treatment are safe enough and work well enough for routine use – interventional procedures.

3. NICE also funds three enquiries that undertake research into the way patients are treated to identify ways of improving the quality of care (the investigations are known as confidential enquiries).

4. NICE guidance and recommendations are prepared by independent groups that include professionals working in the NHS and people who are familiar with the issues affecting patients and carers.