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What links MAHSC and the World Cup?

The answer is the appointment of Professor Gillian Wallis, who hails originally from South Africa, and is expected to blow her *vuvuzela* as the newly appointed Education and Training Academic Section Lead (ASL) for Manchester Academic Health Sciences Centre (MAHSC). Gillian will join the team of clinical and enabling ASLs already in place to spearhead MAHSC's strategic development. Together with the Director, Chief Operating Officer and Board-level Member representatives, the ASLs make up MAHSC's Executive Management Team.

The ASLs take responsibility for the clinical, enabling and education and training themes that are core to delivering the MAHSC strategy and realising the vision **“to be a leading global centre for the delivery of innovative applied health research and education into healthcare”**. Their remit covers the entire spectrum of activity from ‘molecule to metropolis’, embracing laboratory discovery through to service innovation in the community. Gillian's role will focus particularly on postgraduate education and workforce development.

Professor Gillian Wallis

Gillian studied for her BSc Microbiology and Chemistry at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and continued with a BSc (Hons) in Microbial Genetics and then a PhD in Human Genetics, also at UCT. She also has an MA in Healthcare Ethics and Law from the University of Manchester. During her career Gillian has also spent time at ETH in Zurich and the University of Washington, Seattle.

In 2008 she was appointed Professor of Genetics, Joint Appointment, Faculty of Life Sciences and the School of Translational Medicine, Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences at the University of Manchester. Since 2007 Gillian has also been Associate Dean for Postgraduate Education for the Faculty of Medical and Human Sciences with responsibility for all postgraduate activity across the nine Schools within the Faculty including approximately 1500 PGT (engaged in 33 PGT programmes) and 700 PGR students. She is also the Governor (University nominated) to the Central Manchester and Manchester Children's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust where she chairs the Staff Health and Wellbeing Working Group.

Notes for Editors

1. MAHSC is a partnership between The University of Manchester, Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust, NHS Salford (Salford Primary Care Trust), Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. See www.mahsc.ac.uk
2. MAHSC is one of only five designated Academic Health Science Centres in England
3. MAHSC has the tripartite mission of research and innovation, education and training and healthcare. Research and innovation will be embedded as a driver of quality and productivity in alignment with the NHS Quality, Innovation, Production, Prevention (QIPP) framework. “Partnership for the Patient - Bringing Benefit through Research, Education and Innovation.