

Short Biography

Heather Harewood is a Lecturer in Public Health and Epidemiology. She holds a BSc (Hons) degree in Biology and the MBBS from the UWI, the Master of Public Health degree from the University of Birmingham, UK and the Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) with high commendation from the UWI.

Heather's affiliation with UWI, Cave Hill began in 2009 as an Associate Lecturer in Public Health involved in the administration and delivery of the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme. She is currently the Programme Coordinator of the MPH programme at Cave Hill. She also coordinates and teaches on three MPH courses: Environmental Health, Health Care Systems and Health Economics and assists with other courses on the MPH.

She teaches in the medical undergraduate programme, co-coordinating and lecturing on the Health Services Management and the Health and Environment courses.

Before joining the UWI in March 2015 as a full-time staff member, Dr. Harewood spent 17 years working in the Public Health field in Barbados. The major part of her Public Health career was spent as the Medical Officer of Health at the Eunice Gibson Polyclinic, Warrens, St. Michael.

As Medical Officer of Health, Heather had administrative responsibility for the delivery of Public Health services within the Eunice Gibson Polyclinic catchment area which encompasses the north western portions of St. Michael, St. Thomas and part of St. Andrew. Other duties included delivery of patient care in the Maternal and Child Health clinics and teaching and mentoring of MBBS students rotating through the polyclinic.

Her work with the Ministry of Health included collaboration with other Medical Officers of Health, other stakeholders within the Ministry of Health and external partners such as PAHO, to develop policy documents, technical manuals and teaching materials relevant to the management of "Dangerous Infectious Diseases", including pandemic influenza and Ebola.