

Caroline Lappin – Bio

Caroline Lappin was appointed to the post of Chief Dental officer (CDO) for the Department of Health in November 2021.

Prior to joining the Department, Caroline was Clinical Director of Community Dental Services in South Eastern HSC Trust from August 2016.

Caroline graduated with BDS with Distinction in Dental Surgery from Queen's University Belfast in 1999 and completed Vocational Training, before working in General Dental Practice and Hospital Dentistry. Clinically, Caroline spent almost 14 years working within prison dental services in Northern Ireland.

Caroline has had a particular interest in Leadership and Management in Healthcare, and gained an MSc with Commendation in this field in 2017. She has also contributed to several research projects looking at improving oral health of older people, including those in Care Homes.

Caroline has taken up post in a period of unprecedented challenges in Dentistry and the wider Health system, and is keen to secure dental services that deliver oral health and wider public health benefits to the population.

