

Hamish Laing

Hamish is a Consultant Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon at the Welsh Centre for Burns and Plastic Surgery, ABM University Health Board in South Wales, UK.

Qualifying from King's College Hospital in 1984, he gained experience in a variety of surgical units and specialties, including the Royal Marsden Cancer Hospital and Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, as a preliminary to specialising in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He was awarded a first class BSc in Physiology and MB BS from University of London. A fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, he holds the inter-collegiate FRCS in Plastic Surgery, FRCS (Plast) and in 2012 was awarded the Masters Diploma in Organisational Leadership at University of Oxford with distinction.

As well as being a practicing clinician specialising in soft-tissue sarcoma, skin malignancy and pressure ulceration, Hamish is the Executive Director of Clinical Strategy at ABM University Health Board. ABMU is an integrated Health Board providing primary, community, mental health, learning disability and secondary healthcare for a core population of 600,000 and some tertiary services for up to 10M people.

As a founder member of the Faculty for Healthcare Improvement in Wales, he was national lead for the pressure ulcer prevention component of the "1000 Lives" patient safety Campaign in Wales and believes passionately that safer and better care for patients can also be cheaper for the NHS. Hamish has collaborated with NHS Scotland and the Danish Patient Safety campaign on their pressure ulcer prevention programmes.