

Biography: Dr Mark Salter MBBS MSc PhD MFPH MFPHM(Ire)



Dr Mark Salter - Consultant for Global Health, Communicable Disease Control and Senior Medical Advisor

Dr Salter has nearly 40 years of experience of working on global health security issues. He currently supports the global efforts of Public Health England (PHE) in establishing bilateral links with nation states and regional networks to support them in the development of public health capabilities and capacities, as well as responding to requests for public health assistance in response to public health emergencies and humanitarian crises.

Prior to studying medicine and completing his communicable disease training Mark worked in virology and microbiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he gained a PhD in Arenavirology.

He has extensive experience of public health systems development, disease control, incident management and response both locally and further afield, having worked during outbreaks, including: Central America (dengue haemorrhagic fever, measles, and cholera), Africa (Lassa, SARS, EVD, post-conflict) and Asia (SARS, H5N1, and flooding response).

Mark has worked with the World Health Organisation for a number of years, since leading the WHO clinical response to SARS, in issues relating to dangerous pathogens, disaster preparation and response, and risk communication. He is also a key expert to the European Union CBRN Centres of Excellence work programme.

During the Ebola outbreak in West Africa Mark lead the PHE international operations cell and sat on the WHO IHR Emergency Committee concerning Ebola as an independent expert, having worked in Sierra Leone over many years.

In addition he contributes to supporting a number of States from all WHO regions in preparing the groundwork for strengthening public health capacities and capabilities and moving towards the establishment of Public Health Institutes and conducting JEE's.