

[#SundayWiMIN23](#) Week 42: Dr Christine Kelly

My undergraduate degree was MBChB (European option) at the University of Manchester, studying Medicine with French. I carried out foundation and core medical training in the North West of England, which included an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowship in Brain Infections. I was then awarded the prestigious Wellcome Trust Training Fellowship in Global Health. This included the Diploma of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and a Masters in Research at the University of Liverpool, as well as a PhD in the Immunology of Advanced HIV Infection in at the Liverpool Wellcome Clinical Research Program in Blantyre, Malawi.

I was a member of the University of Liverpool Athena Swann Committee and worked to implement equality-based KPIs at the Malawi Liverpool Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Program during my PhD.

I then returned to Ireland to take up Specialist Training in Infectious Diseases, also working as an Honorary Clinical Research Fellow with the Centre for Experimental Pathogen Host Research at UCD. I undertook a fellowship in Clinical and Public Health Virology in Colindale, UKHSA at the end of my clinical training, culminating in the successful achievement of FRCPath in virology, and qualifying me as the first Irish physician dual trained in Infectious Diseases and Clinical Virology.

I was then appointed as a permanent Consultant within MMUH to work within the National Isolation Unit, which focuses on prevention and management of High Consequence Infectious Diseases.

Most recently, I was awarded a HRB Clinician Scientist Fellowship working at the early post-doctoral level and focusing on setting up a national clinical diagnostic pathway for imported fever.

I am also a single mother to two teenage children and a somewhat inadvertent but now fully committed rugby mom.