

UK nursing academic to advise US on infection control success

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A UK nurse expert in infection prevention and control is set to give advice tomorrow at a high-powered US government committee in Washington DC.

Dr Lesley Price, a reader in nursing and applied healthcare research at the Department of Nursing and Community Health at Glasgow Caledonian University, will highlight her success in the UK.

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US health department

She has been invited to present at the US Department of Health and Human Service’s Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) and advise them based on her success on infection prevention and control in the UK.

The advisory council is currently drawing up a national action plan on combating antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which is set to run from 2020-25.

Dr Price was invited to speak at PACCARB after being told the committee was “truly impressed by all of the successful outreach work on infection prevention and control”.

She is the co-leader of the Glasgow Caledonian’s [Safeguarding Health through Infection Prevention \(SHIP\) Research Group](#).

One of the topics, Dr Price is expected to speak on is the success with outreach to schools using the “Professor Snot” initiative.

Otherwise known as Bill McDonald, a nursing lecturer, Professor Snot recently made a visit to Cadder Primary School, located in Glasgow, and taught the pupils about hygiene.

The visit was timed to coincide with World Antibiotic Awareness Week. Dr McDonald kept pupils engaged by keeping things fun and interesting as they learned, noted the university.

From lessons about how far sneezes can travel to what good hand hygiene is, the pupils learned a great deal about how to avoid spreading germs, it said.

A spokeswoman for the US health department said: “Dr Price’s work shows the tremendous work being done by nurses that cross the bridge from science to community in an effort to educate and decrease infection.”

The [PACCARB meeting](#) that Dr Price is set to present at is scheduled for 30-31 January, with each day lasting from 9 am until 5 pm Eastern Standard Time.

Dr Price will be a part of the fifth panel on 31 January, during which one of her allotted topics is hand hygiene. The meeting can be live-streamed via the [US health department website](#) and should be available for viewing on its [YouTube channel](#) after the event ends.



Professor Snot

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Professor Snot during a visit to Cadder Primary School, Glasgow