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Susan has had a nursing and midwifery career spanning 33 years. Susan was appointed Deputy Chief Nursing Officer with responsibility for Women’s Health, Child Health and Welfare and Primary Care Services. Prior to this post she was the regional specialist for child health and immunisation in the Dublin North East region.

Susan has a long practice experience combined with academic experience. Susan has worked in acute and community areas, primary, secondary and tertiary care settings. Her academic and professional experience and qualifications were obtained in Ireland and the UK. She hails from Jervis Street hospital and studied in Salford University Manchester, UCD Dublin, Ulster University Belfast, Queens University Belfast and Trinity College Dublin. She also teaches on the Mary Seacole Programme for the NHS leadership programme in the UK.

Susan was awarded the Nurses medal in Jervis Street and Midwife of the year in Manchester. She has a professional background of leadership within her areas of practice. She has also worked for long periods with populations in vulnerable groups in society. She has had a long practice involvement in foster care and child protection. She has led on many national initiatives and projects for improvement of patient care. Susan is peer reviewer for the British Journal of Nursing and the Child Abuse review journal.

Susan is published in Child health, Traveller health and Maternity ICT processes. She has also published in child protection collaboratively with colleagues from Israel on the TACHYwe Tempus EU project. Her PhD enquired from grandfathers in Ireland and identified the new concept of ‘Redemption Theory’. She has been described as a ‘Hybrid’ of nursing and midwifery because of her extensive practice and academic experience. Susan takes this as a compliment and compares it to the best cars in the world! Susan is also the mother of 3 children of which she is very proud.

