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Mike Catchpole is a medical doctor who has worked in infectious disease epidemiology and response at the national and international level since 1991. He is Chief Scientist at the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Prior to that he was Director of Public Health England's national Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance and Control, and was the UK member of the ECDC Advisory Forum from 2007 until 2014. He has over 20 years' experience of management of communicable disease surveillance and response, including the management of many national outbreak investigations and leadership of the national epidemiological response to the 2009 influenza A(H1N1) pandemic in England, leading the public health follow up of those exposed to the terrorist bombings in London in 2005, developing and managing the surveillance systems for the 2012 London Olympics and the surveillance systems that were instrumental in driving the dramatic reductions in MRSA and *C.difficile* in England.

His primary research interests have included HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, the wider health effects of major incidents, and public health information systems development. He has also been a member of the steering groups for a number of European projects, and chaired the Steering Committee of the European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) from 2001 to 2006.

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