

## Brief biography

Fergus Sweeney Clinical Studies and Manufacturing Taskforce



## **Current Responsibilities**

Fergus Sweeney is Head, Clinical Studies and Manufacturing Taskforce at the European Medicines Agency since March 2020, covering Clinical Studies (Clinical Trial Information System), Biological Health Threats and Vaccine Strategy and supports strategy development in manufacturing and personal data protection in health research on medicines. He joined the Agency Inspection Sector in 1999, was Head of Sector, Compliance and Inspections from 2009, Head of Division Inspections and Human Medicines Pharmacovigilance in 2013 (and Scientific Committee Services from 2016). He has a BA (Physiology 1979) a Dr de 3eme Cycle (cancer biology 1982), and PhD (Pharmacology 1986). From 1982 to 1999, he worked in clinical research mainly in QA.

## **Brief Employment History**

Fergus joined the Agency in 1999 in the Inspection Sector and was appointed Head of Sector, Compliance and Inspections in May 2009. In August 2013 he was appointed Head of Division Inspections and Human Medicines Pharmacovigilance which became the Inspections, Human Medicines Pharmacovigilance and Committees Division in 2016.

Fergus has a Degree in Physiology (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 1979), a Doctorat de Troisiéme Cycle in cancer biology (Université de Paris, 1982), and a PhD in Pharmacology (UCD, Ireland, 1986). Prior to joining the Agency he worked in industry from 1982 to 1999, covering phase I-IV clinical research, pharmacovigilance and laboratory activities, primarily in the field of quality assurance.

