

**Andrew Thomson**

Director of Embryology for the CRGW Group

Andrew is the Director of Embryology for the CRGW Group overseeing three embryology laboratories in Cardiff, Plymouth and Exeter as well as two andrology laboratories in Swansea and Bristol. He is the founder of IVF Scientific Advisory Service known as IVF SAS.

He has adopted a quality management heavy, evidence-based approach to ART and is passionate about patient access to care. He is actively involved in training reproductive scientists to the highest standards. He was awarded Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists in 2020 and subsequently, was appointed as an examiner for the college. He was awarded associate status of the National School of the Healthcare Science in 2022 due to his contributions as a training offer and final examiner for both the STP and HSST programmes as well as accrediting multiple laboratories to be approved national training centres.

He has presented his research both nationally and internationally on multiple occasions and is a frequently invited speaker on a wide variety of topics including training and further education. Andrew lectures at the University of Bristol each year and has also lectured at multiple prestigious universities including the University of Oxford. Previously, he was the workplace supervisor for a PhD student at Cardiff University investigating devitrification and time lapse imaging algorithms after successfully applying for KESS2 funding.

In January 2020, he was awarded the Claire Gillott prize by the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists for outstanding contribution.