



Leigh Johnston – Biosketch

Leigh Johnston is a Field Epidemiologist and obtained her BSc (Hons) in Physiotherapy from the University of Cape Town in 2004. She has worked in South Africa and abroad in both public and private sectors.

In 2021 her career took a different direction, when she applied to the South African Field Epidemiology Programme (SAFETP) and began her MSc in Field Epidemiology at the University of Witwatersrand.

Her recent research, while placed in the Non-Communicable Disease Directorate at the National Department of Health, has focused on gaps in surveillance for type 2 diabetes in South Africa. She has extensive project management and training experience. In her current role Leigh will assist in co-ordinating training, capacity building for data-driven policy, support the advancement of the Public Health Bulletin and project manage the outputs on the D4H.