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Ceri Stradling grew up in South Wales and was educated at Pentre Grammar School and the Upper Rhondda Comprehensive School before attending Manchester University to study Town and Country Planning. After deciding to change degree courses he graduated with a 2:1 in Business and Finance before embarking upon a career in accountancy. He joined the Cardiff office of Coopers and Lybrand (now PricewaterhouseCoopers) where he trained and qualified as a Chartered Accountant and then specialised as an IT auditor.



In the early 1980s he was approached by one of his clients in the electricity industry to head up their Internal and IT Audit Group. Shortly afterwards he was admitted onto their fast track Senior Management Development Scheme which allowed him to occupy and gain experience in a number of different management positions over the following couple of years.

In the mid 1980s Ceri decided to return to his roots in financial auditing as well as gain experience in the relatively new discipline of value for money auditing. He therefore moved to the newly formed Audit Commission working for District Audit in West Wales. His career progressed steadily with him occupying a range of management posts at various locations in both Wales and England. In 1996 Ceri was appointed as a District Auditor with responsibility for all of the local Government, NHS and Home Office clients in North Wales. Whilst there he dealt with a number of in-depth investigations issuing a number of highly publicised Public Interest Reports.

He has been a member of management teams in both District Audit and Audit Commission Wales and is currently a member of the Wales Audit Office Management Committee and Partnership Board. In addition to being the Appointed Auditor or Engagement Partner for a varied portfolio of Local Government, NHS and Central Government clients in Mid & West Wales, Ceri is also a Relationship Manager at three County Councils and takes the lead for both the Wales Audit Office's Corporate Strategy and its NHS Strategy.

Ceri enjoys walking, reading and travel and is a keen follower of most types of sport but particularly rugby union. He keeps fit himself by running, swimming and playing squash.