

Biography – Martin McKee

Prof. Martin McKee CBE trained in medicine in Northern Ireland, with postgraduate training in internal medicine and public health. He has worked at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine since 1987, where he is now Medical Director and Professor of European Public Health. He is also research Director of the European Observatory of Health Systems and Policies. His work has several major strands. One addresses the health effects of major social, economic, and political transition, initially focused on the collapse of the USSR and more recently the 2008 financial crisis. Another is the European dimension of health policy, and in particular EU law and health, including a major contribution to the literature on cross border care. More recently, this has extended to research on regional blocs outside Europe.

He has published over 1,000 papers in peer-reviewed journals and his contributions have been recognised by the award of six honorary doctorates, election to the UK Academy of Medicine, US National Academy of Medicine, and Academia Europaea. He is a former President of the European Public Health Association and Chair of the UK Society for Social Medicine. He is or has been a member of numerous advisory boards in Europe and North America. He holds visiting positions at the University of Pennsylvania and McMaster University.