

Martin McKee

Current Position

1997 -	Professor of European Public Health	LSHTM
1997 -	Co-director, European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition	LSHTM
2002 -	Honorary Consultant, Public Health Medicine	NE London Strategic Health Authority
1998 -	Research Director	European Observatory on Health Care Systems
1993 -	Civil Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Royal Air Force
2005 -	Visiting Professor	University of Belgrade, Yugoslavia

Previous Post

1995 - 1996	Reader in Public Health Medicine	Department of Public Health and Policy, LSHTM
1993 - 1996	Head	Health Services Research Unit, LSHTM
1990 - 2002	Honorary Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Kensington, Chelsea, Westminster Health Authority (in its various reorganised forms)
1990 - 1995	Senior Lecturer in Public Health Medicine	Department of Public Health and Policy, LSHTM
1987 -1990	Senior Registrar in Public Health Medicine	Islington District Health Authority
	Honorary Lecturer, Health Services Research Unit, Department of Public Health & Policy	LSHTM
1986 - 87	Registrar in Community Medicine	Northern Health and Social Services Board
1985 - 86	Registrar in Community Medicine	Northern Health and Social Services Board (seconded to the LSHTM)
1984 - 85	Registrar/Research Fellow	Department of Medicine, Queens University of Belfast
1983 - 84	Registrar in General Medicine	Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
1982 - 83	Registrar in Nephrology	Belfast City Hospital
1980 - 82	Senior House Officer in General Medicine	- ditto -
1979 - 81	Junior House Officer	- ditto -

Education

1990	MD	Queen's University of Belfast
1986	MSc in Community Medicine	LSHTM
1979	MB BCh BAO	Queens University, Belfast

Professional Qualification

2000	Fellow	Academy of Medical Sciences (UK)
1999	Honorary Member	Romanian Academy of Medical Sciences

1997	Fellow	Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (by distinction)
1995	Fellow	Royal College of Physicians of the UK
1994	Fellow	Faculty of Public Health Medicine
1988	Member	Faculty of Community (subsequently Public Health) Medicine
1982	Member	Royal College of Physicians of the UK

Honours and awards

2006	Honorary doctorate	University of Maastricht
2005	Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)	UK
2005	Milroy lecture	Royal College of Physicians of London
2004	Salvatore P. Lucia Lecture	University of California, San Francisco
2003	Andija Stampar medal for contributions to European public health	Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
2003	Sir Stanley Davidson lecture	Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
1998	Doctor (Honoris Causa)	University Medical School of Debrecen, Hungary

Research

His main focus of research is on health and health care in Europe. With his colleague, Prof D David Leon, they have created Europe's largest team of researchers studying the health impact of the social and economic transition in central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Major contributions include the elucidation of the role of alcohol in the Russian mortality crisis, a quantification of the burden of disease due to injuries in this region, and important new insights on the role of nutrition in health (leading directly to inclusion of fruit and vegetable consumption in the 2002 round of the Global Burden of Disease study). This work has been recognised by the designation of the European Centre on Health of Societies in Transition (ECOHST) as a WHO Collaborating Centre.

Work

His work is closely linked to policy, both through long term links with major funders and also through the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, of which he is one of four research directors. This brings together the School, the London School of Economics, the World Health Organization, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Open Society Institute and the governments of Belgium, Finland, Greece, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, and Sweden, and the Veneto Region of Italy in a unique international partnership of universities, international agencies and national and regional governments. The Observatory is recognised as the principle source of information on health care reform in Europe. His work has also linked to policy through membership of various advisory boards, including the Open Society Institute (OSI), in New York, Merck & Co's Pharmaceutical Policy Advisory Board, the Evaluation Steering Group of the intergovernmental Baltic Sea Task Force, and several committees of the European Regional Office of the WHO, including the European Advisory Committee on Health Research, the Task Force on Macroeconomics and Health, the Health for All Renewal Think Tank, and the editorial board of the Health Evidence Network. He has previously served as a member of one of the UK Government's Foresight Programme task forces.

Public Health Development

He plays a major role in professional development of public health at a European level, including membership for six years of the executive board of the European Public Health Association and editorship of the European Journal of Public Health (editor in chief 1998-2003). He is also active in communicating the importance of European issues within the UK, through the European Working Group of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the section of epidemiology and public health of the Royal Society of Medicine. He has written extensively on the implications of European law for national health policy, including an influential report that formed the basis of a EU conference under the 2001 Belgian presidency (giving rise to two books on European law and health policy) and another on the contribution of health to the economy of the European Union.

Teaching

He teaches on a range of School courses and, between 1990 and 1993, he was course organiser for the MSc in Public Health. He was responsible for the conversion of the existing course into a new modular form as well as a marked expansion in student numbers. In the early 1990s he worked with colleagues in Hungary restructure public health training there. This included the award of major grants under the EU TEMPUS programme to introduce new curricula, including provision of training and supporting infrastructure, in each Hungarian medical university and close involvement with the development of the World Bank funded, Hungarian School of Public Health. In 2002 he designed a new introductory course on public health, using a problem-based learning approach, which has subsequently been published as a textbook. This course consistently attracts excellent ratings from students.

Advisory Boards

He sits or has sat on advisory boards of schools of public health in Sweden, Russia, Croatia, Hungary and Israel. He served on a subject panel in the 2001 UK government's Research Assessment Exercise and has participated in evaluations of academic public health programmes in Finland, Russia and the Netherlands.

Recent publications

Articles

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11. Permanand G, Mossialos E, McKee M. **Regulating medicines in Europe: the European Medicines Agency, marketing authorisation, transparency and pharmacovigilance.** Clin Med 2006; 6(1):87-90.
12. Danishevski K, Balabanova D, McKee M, Atkinson S. **The fragmentary federation: experiences with the decentralized health system in Russia.** Health Policy Plan 2006; 21(3):183-194.
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15. Gilmore AB, Collin J, McKee M. **British American Tobacco's erosion of health legislation in Uzbekistan.** BMJ 2006; 332(7537):355-358.
16. Knai C, Pomerleau J, Lock K, McKee M. **Getting children to eat more fruit and vegetables: a systematic review.** Prev Med 2006; 42(2):85-95.