



Guest Editor



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His clinical career spans more than 27 years, from when he took over a run-down, single-handed general practice in inner-city Sheffield in 1989 which he developed to its current four-partner teaching practice providing clinical placements for medical, nursing, and counseling students and GP registrars.

His previous national profile includes Vice Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners, and he led the establishment and development of the Clinical Innovation and Research Centre (2006), which undertakes service development, clinical audit, and research projects in general practice. As Honorary Secretary of the Royal College of General Practitioners he has a large portfolio and is responsible for all aspects of its governance.

In his academic role he has a wide experience of community-based research, including five pan-European projects and 17 national/international research studies as principal investigator with particular expertise in the evaluation of complex interventions in primary care. He was the UK representative to the Council of the European General Practice Research Network from 2010 to 2012.

His current research interests include the prevention of diabetes, the development of patient decision aids, shared decision making between patient and physician, and patient-centered care. He is currently Co-chair of the Coalition for Collaborative Care, a network of 47 organizations and 2000 individual members.

With more than 135 publications in peer-reviewed journals (*h*-index 28, RG score 38.31) he was Editor in Chief of the *European Textbook of Family Medicine* (2006), containing contributions from 70 authors from 13 different European countries. Ten of his former graduate students are now full university professors in various parts of the world, and he received the University of Sheffield Senate Award for Departmental Leadership in Learning and Teaching in 2015.