

Biographical Note: Professor Sir Ian Kennedy

Professor Sir Ian Kennedy LL.D. is a lawyer who, for the past few decades, has lectured and written on the law and the ethics of healthcare.

He is also Emeritus Professor of Health Law, Ethics and Policy at the School of Public Policy, University College of London and Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics.

He has been involved in public life for 25 years, earning a reputation for safeguarding the interests of members of the public in healthcare. He was Chairman of the Healthcare Commission, the public watchdog in health services provision, from its creation until 2009.

During his time at the Commission, Sir Ian worked to improve standards across the NHS through access to information and knowledge for patients, clinicians and managers. He is, perhaps, best known as the leader of the public enquiry into the deaths in children's heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary (1998–2001). This report contributed to the establishment of the Healthcare Commission in 2002.

He also chaired the Nuffield Council on Bioethics and is currently Chair of the UK Research Integrity Office, whose remit covers the proper conduct of research in universities and other research organisations.