

Prof. John Starr

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Neuroscience and neurogenetics expert exploring the relationship between physical and mental health

Biography

Having graduated from Cambridge and London, John Starr came to Edinburgh as a research fellow in the Department of Psychiatry in 1989 to investigate the relationship between blood pressure and cognition. After moving to become a research fellow in the Department of Medicine, he spent two years at the Hammersmith Hospital, London before returning as consultant and part-time Senior Lecturer in Geriatric Medicine based at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Edinburgh.

Working with his colleagues Ian Deary and Lawrence Whalley, he has developed his interest in the relationship between physical and mental health. Their work was recognised by their receipt of the Tenovus Scotland Margaret MacLellan Award 2006 for research on 'The Brain including both neurological and psychiatric disorders'. Between 2003-2005, John Starr held a 'Leading Practice Through Research' award from the Health Foundation to improve the health assessment of older people with learning disabilities and his clinical duties and national training roles have also moved along this new direction.

John Starr is married to Claire and they have four children. As a member of the William Morris Society he continues his interest begun when he read History of Art, an experience that inspired him to working across traditional disciplinary divides.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness, Health Care - Facilities, Health Care - Providers, Health Care - Services

Areas of Expertise

Cognitive Reserve, Cognitive Ageing, Dementia, Intellectual Disability, Older Adults With an Intellectual Disability, Adults With Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities

Affiliations

Royal Institute of Public Health: Fellow, Association of Physicians of Great Britain & Ireland

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