

Dr Michael McBride Biography

Dr Michael McBride graduated with Distinction from Queen's University Belfast in 1986 and completed his undergraduate and postgraduate training in Northern Ireland. In 1991 he attained a Research Fellowship at St Mary's Medical School and Imperial College London, where he carried out research into new drug treatments for HIV.

Dr McBride has been a Consultant in the Health Service since 1994 when he was appointed Consultant Physician in HIV medicine at the Royal Hospitals and has more than 10 years health service management experience. He has a longstanding interest in continuing medical education and was Postgraduate Clinical Tutor in the Royal Hospitals between 1996 and 2000 and Director of Education in the Royal Hospitals from 2000.

He has been Medical Director for the Royal Hospitals since August 2002. As Medical Director at the Royal Hospitals, he has contributed to strategic change at trust, regional and national level. As the Trust lead for clinical and social care governance, he had responsibilities for all aspects of clinical quality and patient safety.

Dr Michael McBride said: "I am delighted to be appointed as Northern Ireland's new Chief Medical Officer. It is important that health services are not delivered in isolation and as Chief Medical Officer I will continue to work with patients to ensure that they receive the highest quality of care and to keep key issues - such as patient safety - high on the health service agenda. I look forward to being involved in delivering on the challenging waiting list targets that have been set across the service and assessing the implications that the review of public administration has on public health. There are particular challenges facing us over the coming months, such as the roll-out of the smoking ban and the implementation of the suicide prevention strategy, but I intend to provide the necessary professional leadership to make these a success."