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Employment and Affiliations

Jan 2022 – Institute for Fiscal Studies, Senior Research Economist
May 2018 – Imperial College Business School, Visiting Researcher
Jul 2017 – Dec 2021 Institute for Fiscal Studies, Research Economist
Aug 2016 – May 2017 Willis Towers Watson, Consultant

Education

2018 – 2020 MSc Economics (Distinction), University College London
2013 – 2016 BA Economics & Management (1st class), University of Oxford

Other Professional Experience

Co-editor of Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget (2021 – present)

Published and Forthcoming Papers

“Nurse staffing and inpatient mortality in the English NHS” (with Natalie Sanford, Elaine Kelly, Anne Marie Rafferty, James Bird, Luca Mercuri, Janice Sigsworth, Mary Wells and Carol Propper), *BMJ Quality & Safety*, September 2022

“Long-term care spending and hospital use among the older population in England” (with Rowena Crawford and George Stoye), *Journal of Health Economics*, Vol. 78, July 2021

“Educational inequalities in hospital use among older adults in England, 2004–2015” (with George Stoye, Martin Shipley, Martin McKee and Eric Brunner), *The Milbank Quarterly*, October 2020

“The wider impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the NHS” (with Carol Propper and George Stoye), invited contribution to *Fiscal Studies*, Vol. 41(2), June 2020

Working Papers

“Team composition and the returns to human capital: evidence from nursing teams” (with Elaine Kelly and Carol Propper), *CEPR Discussion Paper DP18387*, August 2023 (Revise & Resubmit, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*)

“How accurate are self-reported diagnoses? Comparing self-reported health events in the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing with administrative hospital records” (with George Stoye), *IFS Working Paper WP20/13*, May 2020

Academic Works in Progress

“How redistributive is the English National Health Service?” (with Eric French, Jeremy McCauley and George Stoye)

“The drivers and consequences of turnover in the adult social care workforce” (with Max Warner and George Stoye)

“The broader impacts of waiting lists for public healthcare”

Selected Other Publications (for full list, see <https://ifs.org.uk/people/ben-zaranko>)

“Public sector net worth as a fiscal target”, in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2023

“Implications of the NHS Workforce Plan” (with Max Warner), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, August 2023

“NHS funding, resources and treatment volumes” (with Max Warner), Institute for Fiscal Studies Report, December 2022

“Public spending, pay and pensions” (with Bee Boileau and Laurence O’Brien), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2022

“Spending Review 2021: plans, promises and predicaments”, in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2021

“Pressures on the NHS” (with Max Warner), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, September 2021

“Levelling up: where and how?” (with Alex Davenport), in Carl Emmerson, Christine Farquharson and Paul Johnson (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2020

“Spending Review 2020: COVID-19, Brexit and beyond”, in Carl Emmerson, Christine Farquharson and Paul Johnson (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2020

“Spending Round 2019: keeping perspective” (with Rowena Crawford), in Carl Emmerson, Christine Farquharson and Paul Johnson (eds.) Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget, October 2019

“The planning and control of UK public expenditure, 1993–2015” (with Rowena Crawford and Paul Johnson), Institute for Fiscal Studies Report R147, July 2018

“Options for funding health and social care” (with Elaine Kelly), in Anita Charlesworth and Paul Johnson (eds.) “Securing the future: funding health and social care to the 2030s”, Institute for Fiscal Studies and Health Foundation Report, May 2018

Policy Presentations and Media

I have given oral evidence to the Health and Social Care Commons Select Committee and the House of Lords Public Services Committee, and have given a large number of policy presentations, including at: IFS Green Budget launches; IFS pre- and post- Budget and Spending Review events; HM Treasury; Office for Budget Responsibility; Department of Health and Social Care; Office of Manpower Economics; Overseas Development Institute; Institute for Government; NHS Confederation; CIPFA; District Councils’ Network; the Times Health Commission; and the All Party Parliamentary Group for Social Science and Policy.

I have discussed my research on radio and TV in more than 100 broadcast interviews (including on BBC News, Sky News, ITV News, Channel 4 News, Channel 5 News, Good Morning Britain, BBC Breakfast, BBC Newsnight, Radio 4 Today, Radio 4 World at One, Radio 4 PM, Radio 5 Live, and BBC More or Less), and my work has been covered in all major UK newspapers (including front-page articles).

Grants and Awards

- 2023 The 2022 Harding Prize for Trustworthy Communication (with George Stoye and Max Warner), for interactive NHS waiting list calculator
- 2021 IFS Green Budget 2022 – 2025, Nuffield Foundation (£458,824, Co-I)

Academic Presentations and Seminars (including scheduled)

- 2023 American Economic Association and Allied Social Science Associations meeting (AEA/ASSA); Institute for Fiscal Studies; Erasmus University
- 2022 Essen Health Conference; Royal Economic Society (RES) Annual Conference; European Health Economics Association Conference (EUHEA)
- 2020 Institute for Fiscal Studies; British and Irish Longitudinal Studies of Ageing (BILS) meeting
- 2019 European Economic Association (EEA) Annual Congress
- 2018 RES Annual Conference; Health Economists' Study Group

Refereeing and Teaching Activities

Refereeing *Journal of Political Economy, Fiscal Studies, The BMJ, Health Policy*

Lecturer Gave annual 'Public Economics Lecture' (health care and social insurance) to undergraduate students at the University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and IFS, 2018–19 to 2022–23