Immediate Past President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Derek’s terms of office ran from March 2014 to February 2020. He was also the Director of the NIHR CLAHRC for Northwest London for over 11years. Derek was appointed as the first Professor of Acute Internal Medicine in the UK at Imperial College London and was the inaugural President of the Society for Acute Medicine. In early 2017 he was appointed as an NIHR Senior Investigator and later that year he was awarded an OBE for his services to Unscheduled Care and Quality Improvement.

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