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## Employment and Affiliations

Nov 2024 –	Institute for Fiscal Studies, Associate Director
Jan 2022 – Nov 2024	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 (1 <sup>st</sup> class), University of Oxford

## Other Professional Experience

Co-editor of Institute for Fiscal Studies Green Budget (2021 – 2023)

## Published and Forthcoming Academic 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

“Nurse shortages and patient outcomes” (with Elaine Kelly and Carol Propper), *CEPR Discussion Paper DP18387*, August 2023 (under review)

“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)

“Outside job opportunities and care worker labour supply” (with Carol Propper, George Stoye and Max Warner)

“The broader impacts of waiting lists for public healthcare” (with Max Warner)

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

“Options for the 2024 Spending Review and beyond” (with Bee Boileau and Max Warner), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Kate Ogden (eds.) IFS Green Budget, October 2024

“Adult social care: what next?” (with Antonella Bancalari), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Kate Ogden (eds.) IFS Green Budget, October 2024

“A note of caution on fiscal technocracy”, Institute for Fiscal Studies and *The Times*, May 2024

“Public investment: what you need to know”, Institute for Fiscal Studies, April 2024

“Constraints and trade-offs for the next government” (with Carl Emmerson, Christine Farquharson and Paul Johnson), Institute for Fiscal Studies, January 2024

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

“Implications of the NHS Workforce Plan” (with Max Warner), in Carl Emmerson, Paul Johnson and Ben Zaranko (eds.) IFS 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.) IFS Green Budget, October 2022

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

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

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

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

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

**Policy Presentations and Media**

I have given oral evidence to the Health and Social Care Commons Select Committee, the House of Lords Economic Affairs Committee, and the House of Lords Public Services Committee, and have given a large number of policy presentations, including to HM Treasury, the Office for Budget Responsibility, the Department of Health and Social Care, the All Party Parliamentary Group for Social Science and Policy, and the NHS Pay Review Body.

I have discussed my research on radio and TV in more than 200 broadcast interviews (including on BBC News, Sky News, ITV News, Channel 4 News, Channel 5 News, Good Morning Britain, BBC Breakfast, BBC Politics Live, 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**

2024	“Understanding the determinants of productivity and retention in the health and social care workforce”, ESRC New Investigator Grant (£294,086, PI)
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 Rotterdam
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	<i>Journal of Political Economy, Labour Economics, Health Economics, Fiscal Studies, The BMJ, JAMA Network Open, Health Policy</i>
Lecturer	Guest Lecturer, UCL MSc Economics, Health Economics elective; 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