

Further information on the four REF Main Panel Chairs

Main Panel A: **Professor John Iredale**

Professor John Iredale is Pro Vice-Chancellor Health at the University of Bristol. He holds the chair of Experimental Medicine, and his areas of leadership and responsibility are for the research, teaching and management strategies for the Schools of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Medicine and Physiology, Pharmacology and Neuroscience at the University of Bristol. He also holds honorary consultant contracts with the North Bristol NHS Trust and the University Hospitals Bristol Foundation Trust.



Previously, Professor Iredale was the Regius Chair of Medical Science, Dean of Clinical Medicine and Vice-Principal Health Services at the University of Edinburgh, where he led the Medical School. He was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1999, of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2007, of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2003, and of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 2011.

John served as deputy chair of Sub-Panel 1: Clinical Medicine in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014. He is a member of Medical Research Council and a trustee of the Children's Liver Disease Foundation and the British Heart Foundation. John has served on a range of Wellcome Trust and Medical Research Council grant award panels.

His research interests are focused on tissue scarring and regeneration, and he has published extensively on these subjects including key contributions in manuscripts published in *Science*, the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Nature Medicine* and *Nature Cell Biology* and other specialist journals.

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Main Panel B: [Professor David Price](#)

David Price is Vice-Provost (Research) and Professor of Mineral Physics at University College London (UCL). His responsibilities include the strategy for, and the performance, distinctiveness and impact of, UCL's research. He was a Fulbright-Hayes Scholar and Research Associate at the University of Chicago, and a Research Fellow at Clare College Cambridge, before moving to UCL in 1983 as a Royal Society University Research Fellow. At UCL, he served as Head of the Department Earth Sciences, and as Dean of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, before being appointed to his current position of Vice-Provost in 2007.



He is a Member of the Academia Europaea, Fellow of the Geological Society of London, and an elected Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and of the Mineralogical Society of America.

David chaired Sub-panel 7: Earth Systems and Environmental Sciences in REF 2014 and is chair of the Forum for Responsible Metrics.

David was one of the first to establish the now major interdisciplinary field of computational mineral physics. He was awarded the Schlumberger Medal of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain in 1999, the Murchison Medal of the Geological Society of London in 2002, and the Louis Néel Medal of the European Geosciences Union in 2006.

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Main Panel C: [Professor Jane Millar OBE](#)

Jane Millar is Professor of Social Policy in the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Bath, where she was Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) between 2008 and 2015, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (2003 to 2005) and Head of the Department of Social and Policy Sciences (1997 to 2000).



Jane is the elected chair of the Social Policy Association, chair of the nominations committee of the Academy of Social Sciences, and chair of one of the three interdisciplinary grant assessment panels of the Economic and Social Research Council. She was awarded an OBE in 2001 for 'services to social policy research and teaching'. She is a Fellow of the British Academy and of the Academy of Social Sciences.

Professor Millar was a member of Sub-Panel 22: Social Work and Social Policy in REF 2014 and the Research Assessment Exercise 2008.

Jane's research interests include social security policy, family policy and the policy implications of family change. She has been a special adviser to the House of Commons Select Committee for Work and Pensions, to the Department for Work and Pensions, and the UK Representative on the European Union Observatory on National Family Policies.

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Main Panel D: [Professor Dinah Birch CBE](#)

Dinah Birch is Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and Impact and Professor of English Literature at the University of Liverpool. Her current role involves overseeing all matters relating to the development of the university's research and impact activities, nationally and internationally.



Dinah chairs the Advisory Council for the University of London's Institute of English Studies, and the Editorial Board of *The Conversation* (an international online journal for the dissemination of research). She was awarded a CBE in 2016 for services to higher education, literary scholarship and cultural life. She is a Fellow of the English Association.

Dinah chaired REF 2014 Sub-panel 29: English Literature and Language, and was Deputy Chair of Main Panel D (Arts and Humanities).

Dinah has published widely on Victorian fiction and poetry, and on the work of the critic John Ruskin. She is the general editor of the *Oxford Companion to English Literature* and served as a member of the Man Booker prize panel in 2012. She is a regular broadcaster and contributor to the *Times Literary Supplement* and *London Review of Books*.