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# Christopher Edwards (clinician)

**Sir Christopher Richard Watkin Edwards** FRSE FMedSci (born 12 February 1942) is a former Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University.

## Career

Educated at Marlborough College and Christ's College, Cambridge,<sup>[2]</sup> Edwards became senior lecturer in medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London in 1975, Professor of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh in 1980 and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh in 1991.<sup>[3]</sup> He was appointed the first Principal of the Imperial College School of Medicine in 1995 before becoming Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University in 2001.<sup>[3]</sup>

After retiring from Newcastle University in 2007 he became Chairman of the Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust.<sup>[4]</sup> Since 2012 he has also been a trustee at the Planet Earth Institute.<sup>[5]</sup>

He was appointed a knight bachelor in the 2008 Birthday Honours.<sup>[6]</sup>

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<div>Sir Christopher Edwards</div>	
Born	<div>Christopher Richard Watkin Edwards</div> 12 February 1942 <div>Banbury, Oxfordshire<sup>[1]</sup></div>
Nationality	British
Alma <span> </span> mater	Christ's College, Cambridge
Scientific career	
Fields	Medicine <p>Endocrinology</p>
Institutions	St Bartholomew's Hospital <p>University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Imperial College School of Medicine</p> <p>Newcastle University</p>
Website	Official website ( <a href="http://www.ncl.ac.uk/peals/about/people/honorary/christopher-edwards/">http://www.ncl.ac.uk/peals/about/people/honorary/christopher-edwards/</a> )

### Academic offices

<div>Preceded by</div> <b>James Wright</b>	<b>Vice-Chancellor of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne</b> 2001–2007	<div>Succeeded by</div> <b>Chris Brink</b>
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## Professor Sir Christopher Edwards

Professor Sir Christopher Edwards retired as Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University in 2007. He is a specialist in endocrinology.

He has a particular interest in promoting the interface between academia and the National Health Service.

Sir Christopher was the first Principal of the Imperial College School of Medicine in London. He was responsible for the merger of:

- Royal Postgraduate Medical School at the Hammersmith Hospital
- Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School
- National Heart and Lung Institute at the Royal Brompton Hospital
- Imperial College

Sir Christopher previously held a number of senior posts at Edinburgh University. This included Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

He was President of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland from 1999 to 2000. He chaired the Council of Heads of Medical Schools from 1998 to 2000. He was a governor of the Wellcome Trust from 1994 to 2005.

During his time as Vice-Chancellor of Newcastle University, Sir Christopher provided invaluable investment in PEALS.

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