

Harry's career spans special education, disability rights, public policy and the role of regulation in promoting the public good. Consistent themes have been consumer interests, public engagement, and promoting wellbeing. He has always sought clarity of ideas and simplicity of solutions. He is a committed internationalist.

He currently works as an advisor on professional regulation and governance. He developed the principles of 'Right-touch regulation' which have influenced professional regulators around the world.

Between 2007 and 2018 he was chief executive of the UK's Professional Standards Authority. From 2002-7 he was National Director for Patients and the Public at the Department of Health, England and before that chief executive of the Alzheimer's Society and Director of the National Deaf Children's Society.

In 2018 he completed a statutory Inquiry into College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia and the Health Professions Act in British Columbia at the request of the Minister of Health. The recommendations in his report have brought about changes in the governance of the College and informed the provincial government's plans for health regulation reform.

Other recent or current clients include, The College of Dental Surgeons of BC, the Food & Health Administration, Hong Kong, Professional Engineers Ontario, the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and the Veterinary Council of Ireland. In 2019-20 he was advisor to the Independent Medical Devices Safety Review, established by the Department of Health, England.

Harry was chair of Expert Group on the Regulation of Cosmetic Surgery 2004-5, chair of the Arts Council England Working Group on Arts in Health 2006, chair of the National Information Governance Board for Health & Social Care, 2007- 2011, chair of the Royal College of Physicians Working Party on Access to Medicines, 2010-2011 and a member of the World Economic Forum Council on Digital Health, 2011-13. From 2005-19 he was a trustee of the international aid charity Comic Relief. He is a patron of Arts for Dementia, a member of the Press Recognition Panel, a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Australian Health Practitioners Regulatory Authority, an advisor to Thentia Global Systems Inc and a member of the Oversight Committee of the Journal of Medical Regulation.

A popular and regular speaker at international conferences Harry has published more than fifty articles, papers and book chapters and has received a number of awards including the OBE for services to people with dementia, the CBE for services to health and regulation reform, a Fellowship Through Distinction from the Faculty of Public Health and an Outstanding Leadership Award from the World Health Executive Forum.

Harry holds degrees in English Studies, Anthropology and Special Education. In 2021 he was awarded a Graduate Diploma in History of Art from the Courtauld Institute, University of London.