

# **Dr Alexis Paton**

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Dr Paton examines the impact that society has on health. Her research focuses on how ethics and the social sciences can improve healthcare.

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## **Biography**

Dr Alexis Paton is a medical ethicist and sociologist. Her work examines areas of ethical concern in medicine, with a focus on health inequality, patient safety, decision-making in medicine, and healthcare improvement. She is an expert in medical ethics, medical sociology and social epidemiology. She does practical research designed to improve health policy and practice. She has expertise in and can speak to several topics within these disciplines including: ? COVID-19 ethics ? Pandemic public health ? The impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups ? Health inequalities ? The social determinants of health and illness ? Patient autonomy ? Maternity safety ? Neonatal care ? Fertility preservation ? Medical ethics education. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Ethical Issues in Medicine for the Royal College of Physicians and a Trustee of the Institute of Medical Ethics. She writes a regular column for the Independent, and all her pieces can be viewed at: <https://www.independent.co.uk/author/alexis-paton>

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Health Inequalities, Health Improvement, Sociology of Health, Bioethics, Medical Ethics, Medical Sociology, Qualitative Research, COVID-19 Pandemic

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## **Affiliations**

Royal College of Physicians : Chair of the Committee on Ethical Issues in Medicine, Institute of Medical Ethics : Trustee

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## **Education**

**Newcastle University**

PhD Sociology

**University of British Columbia**

MA Philosophy

**University of King's College**

BSc Biology

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