

Obituary



Sir Peter Froggatt FSS FRCPI FRCP FFOM

(12 June 1928 - 3 May 2020)

It is with great sadness that one of Ireland's foremost medical figures and former President/Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University Belfast and Pro Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin, Sir Peter Froggatt, passed away at the age of 91 on 3 May 2020.

Sir Peter was a distinguished academic with an international reputation. He served as Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University, Belfast 1976-1986 and Pro Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin 1985-2002. Peter Froggatt was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, the Royal School, Armagh and Trinity College, Dublin, where he studied medicine. He later worked in Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin and as medical officer at Short Brothers and Harland Ltd, Belfast. In 1959 he was appointed lecturer at Queen's University; a personal Chair as Professor of Epidemiology in 1968 and three years later; was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

During his career, he produced many papers and articles, including studies on human genetics, occupational medicine, medical history and education, and epidemiology and smoking policies. He received honorary fellowships from a number of learned bodies and was a Foundation Fellow of the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

A man of many talents with a warm and charming personality, he was a naturally gifted and much sought-after speaker. A former member of Malone and Royal Portrush Golf Clubs, he was an outstanding amateur golfer who played for Ulster and Ireland. Sir Peter Froggatt made a significant impact on academia and the practice of medicine in these islands and beyond. A true Irishman, gentleman and scholar. He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him and condolences are extended to his wife, Norma and their four sons.

Obituary by Professor Ken Addley OBE MD FRCPI FFOM, Past Dean Faculty of Occupational Medicine, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.