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About

Professor Edward Peck is Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Head of [College of Social Sciences](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/university/colleges/socsci/index.aspx). He also provides academic leadership to a range of corporate initiatives which relate to the civic engagement of the University, such as the [University Training School](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/community/university-school/index.aspx) and [Public Services Academy](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/public-service-academy/index.aspx), and has been responsible for the establishment of the University's flagship international development in the [Guangzhou](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/guangzhou/about/index.aspx) Platform.

Edward is a member of the University Executive Board where he contributes to formulation and implementation of corporate strategy for the University. His responsibilities as Head of College involve defining and delivering the academic strategy for social sciences in relation to research, teaching and knowledge transfer. This responsibility encompasses the Schools of Business, Education, Government and Society and Social Policy which collectively employ over 441 academic staff and 246 academic-related and administrative staff. The College has approximately 9,000 students studying a broad range of foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees.

The size and scope of the College involves Edward in the strategic and operational management of both academic and administrative staff. He is supported by Four Heads of School and Directors of Research and Knowledge Transfer and Education who form the College Board along with key senior corporate services personnel. As Head of College, Edward is personally accountable to the Vice-Chancellor for achieving the academic and financial outcomes agreed for the College.

Qualifications

After graduating from the University of Bristol with BA in Philosophy, Edward took a professional qualification in personnel management before joining the national NHS graduate management training scheme in 1982. He undertook a number of senior posts in the NHS before joining the Centre for Mental Health Services Development in 1992, becoming Director in 1994. He joined King's College London in 1995 to pursue this role full-time. Edward was awarded his PhD in Power and Decision-Making in the NHS by the University of Newcastle in 1997.

In October 2002, he moved to the University of Birmingham as Director of the Health Services Management Centre and subsequently took up the role of Head of the School of Public Policy in 2006. He was appointed Head of the College of Social Sciences in January 2008.

Research

Edward's research focused on the organisational and leadership dimensions of policy implementation in the public services; as a consequence, he is Professor of Public Services Development. His latest book – *Performing Leadership* – was published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2009.