**JEFFREY DUDGEON**

**BIOGRAPHY/CV**

* Educated at Campbell College Belfast, Magee University College Londonderry and Trinity College Dublin, BA (English, History, Economics) 1968.
* Civil Servant in DHSSPS working for a decade on Health Service Superannuation then five-year career break 1995-2000; last eight years from 2000 employed on public health issues including healthcare associated infection, screening, immunisation, public health law, animal experimentation, pharmaceutical licensing, zoonotic diseases, antimicrobial resistance etc; Deputy Principal grade.
* Successful plaintiff in the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg in a six-year case whose 1981 judgment relating to the right to a private life led to the passing of the law decriminalising male homosexual behaviour in Northern Ireland in 1982. This was a European first and a precedent quoted in the US Supreme Court.
* Parliamentary assistant and constituency office manager for Robert McCartney MP (UK Unionist Party, North Down) with responsibility for legislation, parliamentary questions, correspondence etc., 1995-98. Involved in Castle Building talks.
* Campaigned successfully to ensure extension to Northern Ireland of many pieces of UK legislation including the Disability Discrimination Act, the Noise Act, the Knives Act, and the Civil Partnership Act.
* Northern Secretary of the Irish Association for Cultural, Economic and Social Relations 1999-2002.
* Author of 600 page book on Roger Casement the Irish revolutionary and campaigner for the Congolese and Peruvian Amazindians, executed for treason in 1916, and on the authenticity of his diaries 2002: *Roger Casement: The Black Diaries – With a Study of his Background, Sexuality, and Irish Political Life.* Continues to lecture widely on the subject and publish in relation to the continuing controversies – see recent articles on *Dublin Review of Books* website.
* Member of the Ulster Unionist Party team at the Northern Ireland Office’s Bill of Rights Forum 2008-9.
* Candidate for election to a Trinity College Dublin seat in Seanad Eireann 2011.
* Chairman of South Belfast Ulster Unionist Association since 2011.
* Continuing work researching parliamentary questions for Unionist Party peers on numerous issues including pensions, human rights etc.
* MBE for services to the LGBT community in New Year’s Honours List 2012.
* Continuing involvement in debates on a British Bill of Rights and Responsibilities and the problems associated with any Northern Ireland Bill of Rights.
* Currently working on ending the teacher exception from fair employment law through the Education Bill and extending the Defamation Act to Northern Ireland 2013.
* Ulster Unionist Party representative with Tom Elliott MLA on the Haass Panel of Parties in the Northern Ireland Executive (POPITNIE), addressing the issues of flags, parades and the past - 17 September to 23 December 2013.

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