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He is an advisor on health security to WHO, Co-chair of the WHO COVID-19 Mass Gatherings Expert Group and a member of WHO's Emergency Committee for COVID-19.

He is also public health advisor to the International Olympic Committee's Medical and Scientific Commission and was responsible for developing and overseeing the COVID-19 countermeasures for the Tokyo 2020 Summer Olympics and the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics. He previously worked on public health issues related to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. He then joined the IOC's "Games Group" for Rio 2016, supporting the Medical Director in ensuring the Games delivery addressed all key public health issues. He was a member of the Games Group for the Tokyo 2020 and Beijing 2022 Games.

He has worked in public health at local, national and international level with a focus on emergency planning and the response to major emergencies. He also had the lead role in planning the public health services for the 2012 London Olympics.

Brian has worked with the WHO's Mass Gatherings Advisory Group since 2008, heading up the UK Collaborating Centre on Mass Gatherings and Global Health Security and working with mass gatherings such as the Hajj and the World Cup in South Africa and Brazil. Since 2020 he has advised a range of international sporting organisations in relation to sport and COVID-19, most recently the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Brian acted as the UK National Incident Director for Ebola in 2014 and was seconded to work with the United Nations Special Envoy on Ebola, based in Geneva. He was subsequently a member of the post-Ebola IHR Review Committee on the Role of the IHR in the Ebola Response.

Between 2015 and 2017, Dr McCloskey was responsible for establishing the UK's Public Health Rapid Support Team developed to deploy in serious outbreaks globally.

Brian is currently a Senior Consulting Fellow with the Global Health Programme at Chatham House in London and a Professor in Epidemiology at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

In the January 2013 New Year's Honours List, Brian was awarded a Commander of the British Empire for services to public health.