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He established the Sheffield Institute for Studies on Ageing which won, for the University of Sheffield, the Queen's Award for Higher Education in 2000, for research into improving the quality of life of older people. His Sheffield team won the UK Hospital Doctor of the Year Award (Older People's category) in 1998.

His research interests are in improving the lives of older people through better assessment and response to their health and care needs. He directs the International EASYCare Project for improving the lives of older people through better assessment and response to their health care needs. www.easycarehealth.org.uk;

Professor Philp was the National Clinical Director ("Tsar") for Older People in the Department of Health from 2000 to 2008, leading the development and implementation of the National Service Framework for Older People. His current NHS work focusses on cutting the costs of frailty through early intervention in primary care and more effective response to a frailty crisis.

He has led the development and implementation of innovative teaching methods in undergraduate medicine, multi-professional learning and vocational training in health care.

Professor Philp has been an adviser to the World Health Organization and advised governments in many countries on the care of older people. He is a frequent media commentator on healthy ageing and the care of older people and was the co-presenter of the BBC1 series "How to Live Longer" and scientific lead for "The Young Ones". He was awarded the CBE for services to health care and older people in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2008.