

DR. DAVID OWEN

FOREIGN SECRETARY

Dr. David Owen was born in 1946 and until he entered politics in 1964, his working experience had been exclusively medical. He has been a resident doctor at a London teaching hospital and has specialized in neurological and psychiatric work, both fields in which he has published well-regarded research.

He represents the constituency of Plymouth-Sutton since 1966. He has served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister of Defence and as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Navy. For two years, from 1970-72, he was opposition spokesman on defence matters and then, in 1974, became Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health. Later the same year he was appointed Minister of State in the Department of Health and Social Security. In 1976, as Senior Minister of State in the Foreign Office and Deputy to Anthony Crosland, Dr. Owen was given special responsibilities for EEC and European matters. He remained in this area of work until his recent appointment.