



Free Public Lecture

“Emerging findings from the English NHS Health Reforms Evaluation Programme”

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Light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

After a period of reform characterised by the use of targets backed by strong hierarchical performance management and supported by unprecedented investment, the New Labour government of Tony Blair initiated a new period of market-driven changes that were introduced gradually from 2002/03. The main elements were autonomous NHS hospitals (foundation trusts), more diverse private and Third Sector providers, individual patient choice of hospital provider, activity-based fixed price reimbursement for hospitals ('Payment by Results') and new forms of financial and quality regulation. The goal was a 'self-improving' NHS. This presentation summarises recent research findings on the impact of this set of market-related reforms to the English NHS drawn from a major programme of inter-related studies commissioned by the English Department of Health.

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