



## HSRAANZ WEBINAR SERIES

### **HSRAANZ Webinar Series (19 October 2016) – Developing primary care that is fit for the future: cross-country comparisons**

**Presenter: Professor Judith Smith BA MBA PhD, Director, Health Services Management Centre, University of Birmingham**

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#### **Abstract**

Across nations, there appears to be consensus about the vital importance of strong and comprehensive primary care provision to enable effective prevention, treatment and management of long-term conditions, and a responsive and accessible service for people requiring episodic advice and care. The Commonwealth Fund, World Health Organisation, and European Commission have all underlined the policy importance of primary care in recent publications.

What is less clear however is how primary care should adapt and change to meet this challenge, and what health systems need to do to enable this? In many countries where primary care is based on general practice or family medicine as the core provision, there is considerable current focus on the 'primary health care home' model, as evidenced in New Zealand, Australia and the UK among others.

In this webinar, Professor Judith Smith will draw on her extensive research and policy experience of primary care in the UK, New Zealand and Australia to examine the opportunities and risks of developing new models of primary care that are fit for the future. She will draw out cross-country comparisons and learning, and identify the particular challenges that need to be addressed (and researched) if current policy ambitions for primary care are to be realised.

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Judith is a widely published health services researcher and policy analyst. She took up post as Director of the Health Services Management Centre (HSMC) and Professor of Health Policy and Management at the University of Birmingham on 1 June 2015. This followed six years spent as Director of Policy at the Nuffield Trust, an independent charitable research foundation in London. Judith's main research interests are: health commissioning and purchasing; the organisation and management of primary care; long-term conditions and integrated care; the evaluation of health care organisation; and health care management and culture.

Earlier in her career, Judith spent 12 years at HSMC, holding the positions of Senior Lecturer, Director of Research, and Academic Director of the NHS Management Training Scheme. From 2007 to 2009, Judith was based in New Zealand as a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at the Victoria University of Wellington and working as an advisor to the New Zealand Ministry of Health.

Judith is a Non-Executive Director of the Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Honorary Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and a member of the board of the UK Health Services Research Network. Judith's other roles have included being an expert advisor on NHS organisation and commissioning, and policy assessor to the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Inquiry; chair of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Commission on future models of care; and a member of the board of the European Health Management Association.