

Birmingham celebrates 10 years of shaping future leaders of the NHS

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The University of Birmingham's Health Service Management Centre is celebrating 10 years of delivering the educational component of the National Health Service Management Training Scheme (NHSMTC) - a fast track route to becoming a future NHS leader.

Over the past years, the Health Service Management Centre (HSMC) has worked with the NHS to deliver a comprehensive and innovative programme aimed at developing new managers with the skills and confidence to become future leaders.

Professor Jon Glasby, co-director of the HSMC explains the role of the training scheme: "The NHS is a £100 billion organisation that needs the best possible leadership – both now and in the future. As the NHS has grown in size and complexity the challenges for leaders and managers has increased – and managing in the current financial climate will be particularly challenging. For ten years, HSMC has been helping to shape these future leaders and is playing a key role in the future development of the NHS."

David Nicholson, the Chief Executive of the NHS and an honorary graduate of the University of Birmingham comments: "I am a huge supporter of the Management Training Scheme which delivers over 200 consistently high calibre management trainees into the NHS each year. This new blood is vital and contributes significantly to the talent pool from which our future NHS leaders will be drawn. HSMC has been a valued partner over the last decade in helping to make the scheme the success that it is today."

The NHSMTC has been in existence for 53 years and the HSMC has helped to lead the educational component of the scheme in three different phases: 1999-2003, 2004-2006; and 2007 onwards. The current scheme is delivered by HSMC in partnership with Manchester Business School.

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Notes to Editors

1. For the second consecutive year the NHS Institute (which runs the overall scheme) has been named winner of the Graduate Selection and Assessment Award 2009. The prestigious peer-led award is conferred by the UK Association of Graduate Recruiters - an organisation with over 800 members from both the public and private sectors.
2. Further accolades for the NHS scheme include: a top 5 listing in the Times Top 100 Graduate Employers in 2008, as voted for by graduates; the title of Employer of Choice for General and HR Management in the Times Awards UK Graduate Careers Survey; and finally, the Financial Times ranks the programme as the third most attractive employer for university graduates.

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