Alumni profiles

Alumni profiles in the **Health Services Management Centre**.

Video: Simon Holbrook, MSc Health Care Policy and Management (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/holbrook-simon.aspx)

I have to say I have enjoyed every second at Birmingham, it has been fantastic. I've really enjoyed working with other students and from other disciplines which has been a fantastic experience.

Video: Richard Castanheira, MSc Healthcare Leadership and Management (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/castanheira-richard.aspx)

I think that studying at HSMC gave me a really good theoretical base on which to understand the NHS and the wider health economy, and that has really put me in good stead, because it allowed me to fit what I was seeing on a day to day basis both in hospitals and in commissioning in PCTs, into a wider framework

Video: Richard Tipney, MSc Health Care Policy and Management (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/tipney-richard.aspx)

The reputation of HSMC is so significant Nationally - Chris Ham is obviously on secondment to the King's Fund - it was really just the excellence associated with HSMC that drew me to study here.

Video: Tony Read, MSc Health Care Commissioning (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/read-tony.aspx)

I was a newly appointed director of a primary care trust in London, and I wanted to have the opportunity to understand better the interaction between policy and evidence and practice and to see how that could benefit patients and population of the PCT that I worked in

Video: Dr Judith Smith, PhD Health Policy and Management (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/smith-judith.aspx)

I think first and foremost it was an opportunity to bring together the different strands of experience that I had had and research that I had undertaken during my career. I was able to bring together my interests in health services research, but also together with health care management which was my original profession and also, interestingly, drew on my experience of my first degree which was also at Birmingham University, which was in French Language and Literature

Helen Ashcroft, MSc Health Service Management (2006) (/schools/social-policy/alumni/profiles/hsmc/ashcroft-helen.aspx)

The calibre of teaching was a big draw, the lecturers working at HSMC are very well regarded and many are considered the best in their field. It really felt like you were learning from the best.

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