

BMJ editorial examines employee ownership

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The potential to develop employee ownership models in the NHS is the subject of a recent BMJ editorial, written by the Kings Fund's Chris Ham and HSMC's Jo Ellins. The authors note that the success of the government's commitment to explore alternatives to state ownership and for profit private provision, will hinge on how a number of practical barriers can be overcome. These include the maintenance of access to NHS pensions for staff transferring to new models of provision, access to legal and financial support and the public relations effort needed to tackle concerns that employee ownership will result in the privatisation of NHS services.

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