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HSMC's Professor Russell Mannion presented a keynote address 'Measuring hospital quality and performance: salutary lessons from the UK NHS' at the **Great Healthcare Challenge: achieving patient centred outcomes conference in Melbourne, Australia. (http://www.healthcollab.org.au/)**

He also presented a one-day workshop (with **Professor Jeffrey Braithwaite (/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/staff/braithwaite-jeffrey.aspx)**) on 'Organisational culture and healthcare quality' and participating in a 'Breakfast with the Experts' session and plenary debate at the conference.

Dr Helen Dickinson and Dr Suzanne Robinson were also contributors at the conference presenting their recent work on leadership and health care. Helen's session was entitled 'Medical leadership: a survey of structures in English Trusts', whilst Suzanne's session focused on 'resource scarcity and priority setting: the role of leadership in the rationing of health care'.

The conference is the largest annual health care meeting in Australia and attracts over 800 delegates. Following the Melbourne conference, Russell will fly to New Zealand where he has been invited to present a series of lectures in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Auckland. Suzanne will be going on to Sydney to present the findings from a recent study 'Setting Priorities in Health: A study of English Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)' at the Australian Institute of Health Innovation, University of New South Wales.

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