

## Call for abstracts: The limits of market-based reforms

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The recent emphasis on commissioning in health and social care has sought to strengthen the market and enable the diversification of provision in a mixed economy of care. Whilst current reforms are not new, and indeed are being echoed in other parts of the globe, they seek to further embed markets in health and social care and as such the time is right to examine the limits of such reforms. The Health Services Management Centre and Nuffield Trust are jointly hosting an event in Birmingham on the 1st October on "the limits of market-based reforms" in health and social care. The event has a maximum of 50 participants in order to maximise opportunities for interaction and discussion.



This one-day event seeks to bring together prominent academics interested in commissioning to discuss what we know about the effectiveness of market-based reforms. We aim to encourage an interdisciplinary exchange between scholars. As such, we are issuing a call for abstracts focused on 'the limits of market-based reforms' from a variety of disciplinary and methodological perspectives.

Those abstracts selected will be invited to take part in the event and also submit a full paper for consideration to be included in a special journal supplement of BMC Health Services Research. The supplement focuses specifically on 'the limits of market-based reforms in health and social care' and will be edited by a HSMC/Nuffield Trust team.

### Abstracts

Abstracts should be no longer than **400 words** and should provide an overview of the proposed paper, where appropriate include details of theories and methodologies employed. We welcome original research papers and also more theoretical or methodological contributions. Abstracts should include four keywords, names of author(s), institution(s) and contact details.

### Deadline for submission

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **28th May 2012**. We will inform authors by end of May as to whether they have been selected to participate in the event. Should this be the case then a full paper of 5-6000 words will be required by late September.

Please submit your abstract electronically to **Ann Thomas** ([a.d.thomas@bham.ac.uk](mailto:a.d.thomas@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:a.d.thomas@bham.ac.uk>)) and if you have any further questions about the event contact **Helen Dickinson** ([h.e.dickinson@bham.ac.uk](mailto:h.e.dickinson@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:h.e.dickinson@bham.ac.uk>)).

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