

Professor Derek Williams

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It is with great sadness that we report **Professor Derek Williams** passed away peacefully at home at the end of July, having lost his long battle with cancer. Derek was the founding Director of HSMC from 1972 to 1986.

In January 2012 Jon Glasby visited Derek at his home in Ludlow to ask him about his memories of setting up HSMC in 1972, the funding and staffing arrangements, and the issues in the NHS at the time that influenced the decision to establish the Centre. An extract from this interview can be found on

[HSMC's 40th Anniversary celebration webpages \(/schools/social-policy/departments/health-services-management-centre/events/fortieth-celebrations/williams-derek.aspx\)](#).