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About

Ross arrived at HSMC in 2008 after completing his doctoral research in healthcare service improvement at the University of Manchester. Since then he has been involved in a variety of research projects that include a comparative study of healthcare reform, the promotion of social enterprise in health and social care and the study of hospital board governance of patient safety.

More recently, Ross has been developing a research interest in comparative health policy. He is leading the development of a 'China-UK Health Policy Group' which builds on a collaboration between HSMC and Peking University Health Science Centre in Beijing.

Ross is involved the delivery of the HSMC teaching programme. He is a module coordinator for Health and Healthcare Policy, Quality Improvement and Innovation, and Study Skills. He also contributes to modules related to Quality Improvement, Researching Social Policy, and Research Design and Methods.

Ross is the Editor of 'Viewpoints' for the Journal of Health Organization and Management.

Ross is also Co-Director of Postgraduate Research. For any enquiries regarding PhD study at HSMC please feel free to contact him.

Qualifications

- PhD, University of Manchester (2009)
- MRes, University of Manchester (2003)
- B.Soc.Sci (Hons), University of Manchester (2002)

Research

- Health Policy in the UK
- Health Policy in China
- Social Enterprise
- Quality improvement
- Qualitative Research Methods

Ross is interested in making sense of the experiences and practices of those delivering healthcare services. In doing so he also draws on a variety of theoretical frameworks and ideas emanating from public policy, organisation studies and sociology.

Ross is interested in any PhD proposals connected to these research areas.

Publications

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