Join us for this year’s HSMC Annual Health Policy Lecture

What does the future hold for the NHS?

A live debate: Wednesday 25 June
University of Birmingham, Medical School
Drinks reception – 5.30pm
Panel debate starts at 6.15pm

Last year was a tough year for the NHS. Following the Francis Inquiry into events at Mid-Staffordshire, we witnessed a number of other serious and high profile care and management failings, and – quite understandably - a public and media outcry. And yet, our health system is still the envy of many countries, and it continues to do amazing things every day. With an election on the horizon and the inevitability of increased media attention and political point scoring to come, where does the truth lie?

Join us for a stimulating panel debate with:

David Behan (Chief Executive of the Care Quality Commission),
Lord Victor Adebowale (Chief Executive of Turning Point),
Jacqui Smith (Chair of University Hospitals Birmingham and former Cabinet Minister)
Michele Paduano (regional health correspondent for the BBC)

Please register online (www.birmingham.ac.uk/health-policy-2014) to reserve your free place. Please note that places are limited so please do register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please turn overleaf for biographies of panel members.
Annual Health Policy Lecture Panel

David Behan, Chief Executive, Care Quality Commission
David began his post as Chief Executive in July 2012. David was born and brought up in Blackburn in Lancashire and graduated from Bradford University in 1978. He was awarded a CBE in 2003, and, in 2004, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Law by Greenwich University.

He was previously the Director General of Social Care, Local Government and Care Partnerships at the Department of Health, the President of the Association of Directors of Social Services, and the first Chief Inspector of the Commission for Social Care Inspection. Between 1996 to 2003, he was Director of Social Services at London Borough of Greenwich and a member of the Greenwich Primary Care Trust Board and the Professional Executive Committee.

Lord Victor Adebowale, Chief Executive of Turning Point
Victor is Chief Executive of Turning Point, a health and social care organisation providing services for people with complex needs, including those affected by substance misuse, mental ill health and those with a learning disability.

Victor has a passionate interest in public service reform and reversing the inverse care law, (those who need public services most tend to get them least). In pursuit of this he lectures and speaks widely on the subjects of poverty, social exclusion, equality and human rights, leadership and change management.

In 2000, Victor was awarded the CBE for services to the New Deal, the unemployed, and homeless young people and in 2001, was appointed a cross bench member of the House of Lords.

Jacqui Smith, Chairman, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Jacqui read Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) at Hertford College, Oxford and gained a PGCE from Worcester College of Higher Education.

Jacqui was the Member of Parliament for Redditch from 1997 until 2010 and the first ever female Home Secretary in the country. She entered the Government in July 1999 as a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Education and Employment and became a Minister of State at the Department of Health following the 2001 General Election.

Following the 2005 General Election, Jacqui was appointed to serve as the Minister of State for Schools in the Department for Education and Skills. In the 2006 reshuffle she was appointed as the Government’s Chief Whip. She was Home Secretary from June 2007 until June 2009. She formally took up her new role as Chairman of the Trust from December 2013.

Michele Paduano, Regional Health Correspondent, BBC
Michele Paduano began his career in newspapers and has written for all of the national broad sheet newspapers on topics as diverse as the Vulcan bomber to pro-democracy movements in the Far East. He is proud of his investigations into children born without eyes, early pesticide links to childhood brain tumours and the dangers of unregulated land fill waste.

Joining the BBC two decades ago, Michele, has been West Midlands health correspondent for the last twelve years, witnessing and exposing some of the catastrophes of hospital health care beginning with Rugby St Cross, through the turmoil of University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire, Heart of England and, of course, Stafford Hospital. He has lived through the rise and fall of primary care trusts and the emergence of clinical commissioning groups. Michele has a keen interest in multi-drug resistance and recently highlighted the growing threat of the KPC organism.