



NHS Service Delivery and Organisation R&D Programme

Contractual Governance in a System with Mixed Modes of Regulation

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Aims

- To examine NHS commissioning and its relationship to other governance mechanisms such as performance management and clinical governance
- To compare governance arrangements in England and in Wales to explore how different 'regulatory mixes' work in practice
- Focus on contrasting contracting regimes and purchaser/provider relations

Methods

- Five in-depth case studies of PCTs/LHBs and their provider networks in England (3) and Wales (2)
- Observation of meetings and interviews
- Semi-structured interviews with other purchasers in the same five local health economies
- Study delayed but duration approximately 36 months (30 months left)

Theoretical Background

- Study of intermediate forms between markets and hierarchies and hybrid governance arrangements
- Influenced by transaction-costs economics, relational contract theory and institutional sociology
- One background paper available

Early problems

- Access – different experiences in England and Wales
- Ethical approval – now achieved
- Research governance approval – ongoing
- Continuing NHS re-configuration – a black cloud on the horizon?

Related Project

- EU F6 – Reflexive Governance in the Public Interest
- Examines modalities of regulation and possibilities for different forms of collective learning
- Health stream involves case studies from France, Hungary, Italy and the UK.
- Focus on contracting and patient and public involvement as case studies

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