

"The Importance Of Boards"

An NHS Confederation One-Day Conference and Exhibition, 16 February, London

The boards of NHS organisations have an increasingly important role to play in delivering leadership, stability and high standards of patient care in the modern NHS. Board members are collectively responsible for how effectively and efficiently their organisation is run, so how can they rise to meet this challenge? What are they doing to make a real difference and what can they do today to improve their organisation tomorrow?

The Importance of Boards is a one-day conference and exhibition aimed at helping all board members, executives and non-executives explore important issues such as whether boards really make a difference, the role of the regulator in assessing performance of the board, and an international perspective on the role of boards. Chaired by NHS Confederation chief executive Dr Gill Morgan, the conference will be addressed by Sir Nigel Crisp, chief executive of the NHS, and will also feature Sir Ian Kennedy, chairman of the Healthcare Commission, and Roger Moore and Sir William Wells, chief executive and chair of the NHS Appointments Commission,

The Conference will enable delegates to:

- Examine emerging concepts of integrated governance
- Understand the impact of regulators and the role of boards
- Explore the relationship between non-executive directors and executive directors
- Access key decision makers and participate in thought-provoking debates and issues

Key speakers include:

- Sir Nigel Crisp, Chief Executive of the NHS
- Sir Ian Kennedy, Chairman, Healthcare Commission
- Sir William Wells, Chair, NHS Appointments Commission
- Roger Moore, Chief Executive, NHS Appointments Commission
- Peter Dixon, Chair, Housing Corporation and UCLH NHS Trust
- Dame Rennie Fritchie, Commissioner for Public Appointments
- Per-Gunnar Svensson, Director General, International Hospital Federation
- Jim Rice, Chair, Governance Institute, USA

There will also be an opportunity to attend two of four interactive breakout sessions: Characteristics of High-Performing Boards; What is Diversity and Representation?; Integrated Governance; The Role of the Non-Executive Director.

Venue: London Euston Novotel, 100-110 Euston Road, London NW1 2AJ

Time: 9:00am - 4:10pm

Date: Wednesday 16th February

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