



Monday 30 March 2009  
Collingwood College, Durham City

## TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES in England, Scotland and Wales: A comparative perspective

With their devolved powers, how different are the approaches of Britain's three governments to tackling health inequalities? Do national differences shape knowledge and action locally? How does performance assessment influence what professionals working to improve health say about their work and progress with narrowing health inequalities? What can be learned from national and national-local comparisons?

Expert speakers include:

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| <b>Sir Derek Wanless</b>      | Conference Chair   |
| <b>Kay Barton</b>             | Head of Health Improvement Strategy<br>Scottish Government   |
| <b>Chris Tudor-Smith</b>      | Head of Health Improvement Division<br>Department of Public Health and Health Professions<br>Welsh Assembly Government |
| <b>Martin Gibbs</b>           | Local Government & Communities Manager<br>Health Inequalities Unit<br>Department of Health, England                    |
| <b>Professor Tim Blackman</b> | Director, Wolfson Research Institute<br>Durham University  |

The conference is free. Places are limited and will be confirmed following registration. Travel and accommodation bursaries are available (details available on registration).

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## Conference programme

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| 09:30 | Registration and refreshments   |
| 10:15 | <b>Welcome from the Chair and opening remarks</b><br><i>Sir Derek Wanless</i>   |
| 10:30 | <b>What difference do national approaches to tackling health inequalities make to tackling the issues locally?</b><br>Results from the Durham, Aberdeen and Cardiff Universities 'wicked issues' project, which interviewed the strategic players in tackling health inequalities across several localities in England, Scotland and Wales, focusing on the role of performance assessment<br><i>Professor Tim Blackman</i> |
| 11:15 | Break-out groups: Discussion of the 'wicked issues' results and the role of national differences.   |
| 12:00 | Feedback from break-out groups  |
| 12:30 | Lunch   |
| 13:30 | <b>National policy perspectives</b><br><br>Scotland<br><i>Kay Barton, Scottish Government</i><br><br>England<br><i>Martin Gibbs, Department of Health</i><br><br>Wales<br><i>Chris Tudor-Smith, Welsh Assembly Government</i>   |
| 15:00 | Question and answer session with national speakers  |
| 15:45 | Chair's summing up  |
| 16:00 | Conference ends (refreshments available)  |

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