Perspectives and Problems: Innovation in the NHS.
Thursday 16th March 2006 – 1pm until 5.30pm, University of Manchester

A Half Day Seminar for Senior Managers, Practitioners and Researchers has been organised by the Institute of Health Sciences (IHS), the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM) and the ESRC Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition (CRIC) at the University of Manchester as a contribution to the ESRC Social Science Week 2006.

Social Science Week is run by the Economic and Social Research Council (from the 10th-19th March) to give people an insight into some of the country’s leading social science research and how it influences our social, economic and political lives both now and in the future. This year ESRC Social Science Week has been moved alongside National Science Week (www.the-ba.net/the-ba/Events/NationalScienceWeek/) co-ordinated by the British Association for the Advancement of Science in order to highlight just how integral the social sciences are to the wider science world.

About the Seminar
The importance of innovation to the improved effectiveness and efficiency of health care is widely recognised but less well understood. The purpose of this half day seminar is to promote discussion and the interchange of ideas and experience between health care managers, practitioners and scholars working on the problems of medical innovation and innovation processes in the NHS. The presentations will focus on different aspects of medical and health care innovation and the seminar will conclude with a round table discussion, question and answer session on perspectives and problems relating to innovation in the NHS.

Who should attend:
- Investigators with expertise in research in innovation in the NHS
- NHS leaders with responsibility for innovation
- NHS policy makers, stakeholders and staff
- People with an expertise in research and innovation in the NHS
- Anyone interested in medical and social technologies.

Date: 16th March 2006.

Time: The workshop begins at 2pm (Buffet lunch available from 1pm) and will end at 5.30pm (followed by a drinks reception).

Venue: The Conference Suite, Institute of Innovation Research, 10th Floor, Harold Hankins Building, Precinct Centre, University of Manchester, Booth Street West Manchester M13 9QH.

There is no cost to attend this workshop to register please contact the CRIC team - Siobhan.Drugan@manchester.ac.uk tel: 0161 275 0451

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Meeting Schedule.

1.00 – 2.00 pm Buffet Lunch

Session 1: Perspectives

2.00 - 2.10 pm Welcome and Introduction by Professor Bonnie Sibbald (Chair - IHS)

2.10 - 3.30 pm Chair Professor Jeremy Howells (CRIC)

- Paper 2 – Dr Ruth Boaden, (Manchester Business School) ‘Innovation and/or Improvement: Challenges for the NHS’
- Paper 3 – Professor Steve Harrison (School of Social Sciences) ‘Institutional Innovation in the NHS: the Case of NICE’
- Paper 4- Professor John Abrahams (University of Sussex) ‘Pharmaceutical Innovations and Regulation: Key Problems & Challenges’

3.30 - 4.00 pm Discussion of presentations

4.00 - 4.30 pm Tea

Session 2: Problems

4.30 - 5.30 pm Round Table: Chaired by Keith Chantler with Professor John Pickstone, Professor Kieran Walshe (MBS) Sue Allison (NHS)

5.30 - 7.00 pm Drinks/Nibbles Reception

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About the Centre for Research on Innovation and Competition - www.cric.ac.uk
CRIC is an ESRC Research Centre that began operation in 1997 and which has recently carried out a number of research projects on innovation in ophthalmology and cardiology as part of its general research programme on the economics, sociology and management of innovation processes in the emerging innovative economy. Its activities are managed under the umbrella of the Institute of Innovation Research, a research institute that spans Manchester Business School and the School of Social Sciences at the University of Manchester.

About the Centre for the History of Science Technology & Medicine www.ls.manchester.ac.uk/chstm
The Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine (CHSTM) was founded in 1986; it serves as a focus for the discipline in the Manchester region and beyond, and is one of the world’s leading groups for the history of recent STM. The Centre is home to Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, funded by the Wellcome Trust; and to the National Archive for the History of Computing.

About the Institute of Health Sciences – www.ihs.man.ac.uk
The Institute of Health Sciences is a networked organization that brings together health service groups within the University of Manchester and our local partner NHS Trusts – primary, acute, mental health and the strategic health authority. We support interdisciplinary networks, promote new alliances, support strategic developments and promote the prestige of the health sciences community in Greater Manchester and the North West, helping improve health care practice through high quality research in the health sciences.