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## **Medical leadership looks beyond Francis, Keogh and Berwick**

Seventy of the UK's most influential champions of medical leadership will gather at the Edinburgh International Conference Centre to steer Europe's largest medical leadership event on 15-16 October.

The 70 expert speakers include Prof Chris Ham, chief executive of the King's Fund; Prof Michael West from Lancaster University Management School; Dr Michael McBride, chief medical officer for Northern Ireland; and Prof Sir Bruce Keogh, NHS England medical director. They will join around 700 student, junior and senior doctors at the Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management's (FMLM's) second annual conference to focus on *Leadership: Evidence into action*.

On 15 October, Prof Michael West will showcase initial findings of a joint research agenda between FMLM, the King's Fund and the Centre for Creative Leadership (CCL) to provide the evidence-base that links collective leadership to high quality, safe and compassionate clinical outcomes for patients.

New data following a consultation exercise designed to assess the level of leadership support needed by GPs in order to carry out their new roles will be shared in a GP-focused session on 16 October, in advance of the full FMLM report being published.

Peter Lees, FMLM medical director, said:

"As the dust begins to settle following Francis, Keogh and Berwick, it's timely for leaders to come together to think about how we improve basic, structural issues for medical leadership, which, as Prof Chris Ham has pointed out, should have been sorted long ago. We need to start building an exciting future where the profession makes a major leadership contribution. This conference is designed to give a significant boost to that process."

The conference will conclude by bringing together the main points raised over the two days in a home-nations panel discussion led by the Chief Medical Officers for Wales and Northern Ireland, the NHS Director for England and the President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh.

The conference is aimed at all doctors and dentists, whatever grade, specialism or professional experience.

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