

OHE Lunchtime Seminar

**Professor Martin Chalkley, University of York
and Jon Sussex, RAND Europe**

Providing Health Care to NHS Patients: How Much Does Ownership Matter?

28 February 2018 12:00-2:00pm

**Sir Alexander Fleming Room
Southside, 7th Floor, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QT**

A buffet lunch will be available from 12:00 noon. The seminar will start promptly at 12.30 pm and finish promptly at 2.00 pm.

Googling "private ownership in the NHS" yields a host of links that reveal antipathy towards privately owned health care providers. There are also advocates of the role of the private sector who argue that private providers increase patient choice, reduce waiting times and drive efficiency improvements. The purpose of this seminar is to provide a view of this debate through the lens of economics and to see how far that helps resolve the question: *Is private ownership of health care provision good or bad?* Which supposedly economic arguments have validity and which do not?

Martin Chalkley is Professor of Health Economics and Director of the Health Policy programme at the Centre for Health Economics at the University of York. His research focuses on the role of payment systems and pay-for-performance in providing incentives for health care delivery.

Jon Sussex is Chief Economist at RAND Europe (a private, not-for-profit, policy research organisation) and Co-Director of its collaboration with the University of Cambridge: the Cambridge Centre for Health Services Research. His health economics research interests include the role of economic incentives in health care, the impact of private sector provision, and the economics of medical and life sciences research.

If you would like to attend this seminar please reply to Kerry Sheppard (ohgeneral@ohe.org). If you are unable to attend but think that a colleague might like to, please pass on this letter to them.

Yours faithfully



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