



# Institute of Leadership & Management in Health

## About the SouthWest London Academic Network

The SouthWest London Academic Network (SWan) links biomedical, life science, health and social care students and researchers with practitioners and employers, to develop the leading professionals of today and the future. Using virtual learning technologies, and innovative research, SWan brings together the energy, ideas and expertise of Kingston University, Royal Holloway, University of London and St George's, University of London. SWan draws on the complementary strengths of its partners to create new ways of addressing the major social and scientific issues of the day.

## About ILMH

ILMH is one of three Institutes in the SouthWest London Academic Network. Its members come from the Faculty of Business & Law at Kingston University, the School of Management at Royal Holloway and from St George's, University of London.

## What does ILMH offer?

ILMH aims to advance the evidence base of leadership and management practice in health through research, consultancy, knowledge transfer and teaching across interdisciplinary boundaries. It is a centre for excellence to meet the growing demand for high quality organisational, management and leadership research and education, in the UK and internationally.

## Masters programme

The new Masters programme is at the centre of ILMH's ambition to become a major provider of high quality, research-informed management and leadership education. The MSc in Leadership and Management in Health is a flexible course, available on a full or part-time basis and at Certificate, Diploma or Master levels, designed specifically for the healthcare sector.

A key feature of the course is its use of blended learning. This involves a mix of face-to-face learning, online access to e-learning resources and groups of students working together in action sets. This enables part-time students to apply their learning, while continuing to work.

For more information on this MSc, please contact Dr Stephanie Morgan, Course Director ([Stephanie.morgan@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:Stephanie.morgan@kingston.ac.uk)).

## Short courses

ILMH also offers tailored short courses, with the option of accreditation, designed to equip

healthcare practitioners with the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of today and the future. The Institute is a recognised provider of leadership development programmes for the NHS. To find out more about ILMH's range of Continuous Professional Development activities, please get in touch with Professor Christine Edwards ([c.edwards@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:c.edwards@kingston.ac.uk)).

## Research and Consultancy

At the heart of ILMH's work lies research on organisational development and the management of change that informs strategy, policy and practice. The Institute specialises in projects providing high quality research based consultancy with findings of general interest and benefit to healthcare services organisations, users and professional groups.

Current projects include:

- Leadership and better patient care
- Health managers' use of information
- Nurse prescribing
- The barriers and facilitators of self-care in mental health
- Clinical networks
- Decentralisation and performance
- Medical regulation.

New projects will build on research in other sectors to explore the international transfer of "best practice" models of organisation and management; the management of IT systems to enhance continuity of care, patient choice and wellbeing, the implications of changing professional roles for patient care; and employee engagement and quality of care.

ILMH welcomes the opportunity to engage in research and consultancy projects. Enquiries from potential partners should be directed to Professor Christine Edwards ([c.edwards@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:c.edwards@kingston.ac.uk)).



*"ILMH is a hub for leadership development, research services and consultancy. ILMH works in partnership with consultants and practitioners from the public, private and voluntary sectors to address the management of change in healthcare organisations."*

**Professor Christine Edwards**  
Director of ILMH



### **ILMH: Expanding Horizons**

ILMH is a participant in SWan's PhD programme. The Institute offers a limited number of studentships for relevant projects that unite the research functions of at least two of its partner Universities.

The Institute runs a series of seasonal Leadership Forums, which provide an informal network for healthcare managers to discuss topical issues. If you are interested in finding out more, please email: Dr Mark Exworthy (m.exworthy@rhul.ac.uk).

**If you would like to be kept informed of ILMH's activities, please email: [ilmh@swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk](mailto:ilmh@swlacademicnetwork.ac.uk) and we'll add you to our mailing list.**

## The SWan Alliance

### **Kingston University**

With four campuses and more than 20,000 students, Kingston University is the largest provider of higher education in south west London, offering an extensive range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes both in the UK and overseas. The University is renowned for its teaching excellence, has established itself as a growing force in research and is widely respected as a pioneer in e-learning.

Kingston has long-standing links with St George's, University of London, running a joint Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences. One of the country's leading providers of health and social care training, the Faculty provides courses in nursing, midwifery, radiography, physiotherapy, social work, paramedic science, biomedical sciences and continuing professional development.

### **Royal Holloway, University of London**

Royal Holloway is one of the UK's leading teaching and research university institutions, ranked in the top ten for research in the latest Research Assessment Exercise. One of the larger colleges of the University of London, Royal Holloway has a strong profile across the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities.

The University's 8,000 students work with internationally renowned scholars in 18 academic departments. Over 20% of students are postgraduates and 22% come from 130 different countries. Widely recognised by its iconic Founder's Building,

Royal Holloway is situated on an extensive parkland campus in Egham, Surrey, only 40 minutes from central London.

### **St George's, University of London**

St George's, University of London is a dual faculty institution, which dates back over 250 years. It has built a strong reputation for innovation and quality in medical education – the pioneer of vaccination, Edward Jenner, was based at St George's – and is also recognised globally for the quality of its medical research, particularly in infection, cardiovascular disease, genetics, mental health and epidemiology.

The University is co-located with St George's Hospital in south west London and is the only institution to provide training to a full range of more than 2,600 healthcare and sciences students on one site. As well as providing courses in medicine and biomedical sciences, the college also offers courses in midwifery, nursing, physiotherapy, radiography and social work in conjunction with Kingston University.

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