

## **Helen Roberts**

Helen is a health economist who holds an MBA and has recently completed an M Phil in economics at Warwick University. She worked at HM Treasury for 15 years on a range of public policy areas including health and she then worked for the Department of Health developing the Payment by Results program and on Foundation Trusts. She spent a year at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard looking at US health services and since 2005 has been working on health economics consultancy project for the University of Warwick and the NHS Institute among others.

Helen has significant experience of health economics including :

- Leading role in the strategy and framework for payment by results and in policy dissemination and implementation plans
- Major role in developing the financial performance framework for Foundation Trusts in the Department of Health
- A project with the University of Warwick looking at what has happened to NHS funding since 2002 : this involved working with a local trust and PCTs
- A report for Help the Hospices on how they might fare under payment by results and how to avoid hospices going bust under the new proposed HRGs
- Work with the NHS Institute No Delays teams on the economic implications of the 18 week wait target looking at the costs to patients and to the NHS of waiting for treatment
- Analysis of the economic implications of reconfiguring services for mental health for CSIP South East
- Work for HM Treasury looking at commissioning by PCTs and the scope to bring this work together with commissioning by local authorities

She believes that economics has a lot to offer the NHS by helping practitioners develop the tools they need to improve the service and to deliver what patients want. She is keen to put the information now available on how the NHS works to use in practical ways that can directly support those delivering services.