



# 12<sup>th</sup> Organisational Behaviour in Health Care (OBHC) Conference

**15-17 April 2020, Manchester, UK**

(with a pre-conference event for PhD students and early career researchers on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

Join us for OBHC 2020 in Manchester, one of the UK's most vibrant and cosmopolitan cities. This biennial conference, the flagship event of the [Society for Studies in Organizing Healthcare \(SHOC\)](#), brings together world-leading scholars in the organisation of healthcare to share the latest advances in research. It will be hosted by [Alliance Manchester Business School](#).

## *'Managing Healthcare Organisations in Challenging Policy Contexts: Integration or Fragmentation?'*

We aim to investigate how contemporary policy trends, which are often infused with internal tensions and contradictions, are influencing healthcare systems, organisations and professions. We will also explore the various ways in which policy implementation could be enacted, resisted and reinvented by healthcare managers and professionals on the ground.

**Submission deadline:  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

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### Oral presentations

We welcome both empirical and conceptual full papers (up to **6,000 words** excluding references and tables) grounded in various disciplinary and methodological traditions.

All submissions meeting the conference requirements will undergo double-blind peer review. They will be assessed based on their originality, rigour, critical thinking, relevance to organisation of healthcare, and potential to make a strong contribution to theoretical and/or practical knowledge.

[As in previous years](#), we will seek to publish selected papers from the conference in an edited book and a special issue of *Journal of Health Organization and Management*.

### Registration

Registration will open in December 2019.

Provisional early bird registration fee is £530 for academics and £230 for PhD students, including the pre-conference drinks reception at Alliance MBS on 14th April and conference dinner in [the National Football Museum](#) on 16th April 2020.

Bursaries for PhD students will also be available.

### Symposia

We welcome proposals (up to **1,500 words** excluding references and tables) for two types of 90-minute symposia:

- **Panels**, engaging a group of panelists in a formal interactive discussion around a theme or question relevant to the field
- **Interactive workshops**, creatively engaging the audience members in debate, simulation and/or learning activities

All proposals will undergo single-blind peer review. They will be assessed based on overall quality, interest to the OBHC audience, innovation, creativity and potential to generate learning.

### Keynote speakers

[Professor Ann Langley](#), HEC Montréal

[Professor Ewan Ferlie](#), King's College London

Jon Rouse, Chief Officer of [the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership](#)

### OBHC 2020 Organising Committee

Roman Kislov (Chair), Damian Hodgson, Ruth Boaden, Ruth McDonald, Kath Checkland and Paula Hyde

### For more information

Keep your eye on our website for conference updates: <http://www.conferecare.manchester.ac.uk/events/obhc2020/>.

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