

Act. Collaborate. Translate: The Global Response to Care Integration

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Prof Chris Ham

A host of exciting programmes awaits you at the inaugural World Congress on Integrated Care (WCIC) 2013, which will be held in Singapore from 7 to 9 November at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore. The event will be graced by Singapore's Minister for Health, Mr Gan Kim Yong.

The theme for this conference is "Act. Collaborate. Translate: The Global Response to Care Integration", to emphasise the importance of and urgent need for greater care integration as a means to transform the current healthcare system for better outcomes. International thought leaders will share current and emerging models that augment health outcomes through integration, and how various players in each system can find new ways to work together or forge innovative partnerships with new sectors.

Prof Chris Ham, Chief Executive of The King's Fund (an independent charitable organisation in the UK), will be delivering the keynote address for the conference. He has vast experience in health and social care, and has been a professor of health policy and management at the University of Birmingham, England, since 1992. From 2000 to 2004, he was seconded to the UK Department

of Health where he was Director of the Strategy Unit, working with ministers on National Health Service (NHS) reform. Prof Ham was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Kent in 2012. Prof Ham previously advised the World Health Organization and the World Bank, and consulted for various national governments. He is also an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London and of the Royal College of General Practitioners, an honorary professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a companion of the Institute of Healthcare Management, a senior associate of the Nuffield Trust and a visiting professor at the University of Surrey. In 2004, he was awarded a CBE for his services to the NHS.

In conjunction with the conference, there will be a symposium specially tailored for GPs, which will focus on the roles of primary care physicians in integrated care. This symposium, jointly organised with the College of Family Physicians Singapore (CFPS), will be held on the afternoon of 9 November 2013. Other workshops and symposiums focusing on areas such as ageing issues, integration of health and social care, community mental health, home-based care, and care assessment will also be featured.

We invite you to join us at the Congress and find out the latest developments and best practices in integrated care from the speakers. Registration for the Congress closes on 1 November 2013. Sign up NOW at <http://www.integratedcareconference.sg> to enjoy early bird rates. For more information on the Congress, please email us at worldcongress2013@kenes.com. WCIC is organised by the Agency for Integrated Care, in collaboration with the International Foundation for Integrated Care, McKinsey & Company and CFPS. **SMA**

