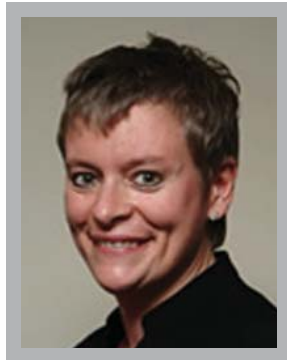


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Judith Smith is Senior Lecturer in Health Policy and Management at the University of Birmingham, UK, currently on a two-year secondment working as Visiting Senior Research Fellow in the Health Services Research Centre, Victoria University of Wellington. In this second year in New Zealand, Judith is combining her role at HSRC with a part-time role as Visiting Academic Fellow with the Primary Health Care Implementation Team at the Ministry of Health.

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Judith has published widely, including a book (with Nick Goodwin, 2006) exploring the international move towards more organised or managed primary care, and a textbook designed for health policy makers and managers *Healthcare Management* (with Kieran Walshe, 2006). She is in the final stage of writing her PhD thesis that focuses on the role of chief executives of health care organisations, with specific reference to the experience of women chief executives.

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