The NZ-UK Link Foundation, in conjunction with the University of London's School of Advanced Study (SAS), is pleased to announce Robin Gauld as the recipient of the 2014 Visiting Professorship.

Robin Gauld is Professor of Health Policy and Director of the Centre for Health Systems at the University of Otago. Professor Gauld is a highly-respected authority on health systems and an award-winning author, with research interests that include comparative health policy, clinical governance and health information technology. Professor Gauld has lectured and held research posts at universities in Hong Kong, Texas and at Harvard. From 2008–13, he was also a Senior Fellow at Boston University's Health Policy Institute.

During his tenure with SAS, Professor Gauld's series of four lectures will analyse the movement of healthcare professionals between New Zealand and the UK – examining the roles migrant professionals play in defining and shaping healthcare in their adopted countries.

'Ve must examine the flow of healthcare professionals between the UK and New Zealand, especially what drives this flow, and the impact on one another's healthcare system,' said Professor Gauld.

The NZ-UK Link Foundation's purpose is to make an ongoing and substantial contribution to the intellectual, educational, vocational and academic underpinning of the bilateral NZ-UK relationship in a changing world.

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Lectures

22 October | The current English NHS reforms: what can be learned from NZ?

Venue: Jerry Morris Room, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine,
15-17 Tavistock Place, London WC1H 9SH
Arrive 17:30 for 18:00 start (followed by a reception)

This lecture will discuss the case of New Zealand's 'Independent Practitioner Associations' (IPAs), GP-led groups in place since the early-1990s. They provide management services and negotiate funding contracts on behalf of GPs and have been involved in numerous innovations aimed at improving primary care services, though they were never mandated by government policy. The lecture will look at the lessons from IPAs for CCGs (Clinical Commissioning Groups), with a particular focus on the role of self-determination (the NZ case) vis-à-vis regulation (the English NHS case). The lecture will also discuss New Zealand's new 'alliance' governance arrangements which bring together clinical leaders from across the local health system to work collaboratively on patient-centred care system design.

Chair: Professor Nicholas Mays (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine)
Respondent: Dr Judith Smith (Director of Policy, Nuffield Trust)
29 October | Health & Social Care Workforce Migration: NZ–UK patterns and policy

Venue: Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Level Six, King's Building, Strand Campus, King's College London, Strand, London WC2R 2LS

Arrive 16:00 for 16:30 start (followed by a reception)

Professor Robin Gauld will look at patterns of health workforce migration between NZ and the UK and will present analyses of routine data from professional registration bodies and other sources. The implications for both countries of the historical workforce flows and the relative reliance of professionals for ensuring a full and stable workforce will be considered.

Chair: Dr Isabel Shutes (London School of Economics)
Respondents: Professor Jill Manthorpe and Professor Stephen Bach (King's College London)

18 November | The benefits of health workforce migration between New Zealand and the United Kingdom

Venue: Horizon, 2 Brewery Wharf, Kendell Street, Leeds LS10 1JR

11:00–12:30 (followed by a reception)

This lecture will consider the question of who benefits from health workforce flows between NZ and the UK. A particular focus will be on what sorts of skills immigrant professionals bring, how these are integrated within the adopted country and health system, and the skills professionals obtain from their new environment. The lecture will feature vignettes in which practical examples of benefits to individuals and health care organisations will be presented and discussed. The lecture will conclude with consideration of how benefits can be sustained and translated more broadly into the local health system and between NZ and the UK.

Chair: Sue Covill (Director, NHS Employers)
Respondent: Caroline Waterfield (Assistant Director, NHS Employers)

27 November | Clinical governance and leadership: invented in England, exported to NZ

Venue: Chancellor's Hall, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

18:00 start (followed by a reception)

Professor Robin Gauld, Sir Malcolm Grant and Anna Dixon will consider the term ‘clinical governance’ which was coined in England in the late 1990s in response to various failures in medical professionalism as well as to promote equal emphasis in NHS organisations on accountability for both clinical performance and financial performance, and ensure that health professionals were responsible for driving quality improvement. This lecture will report on a 2012 national assessment project in which the spectrum of New Zealand health professionals were surveyed about clinical governance development and site visits to District Health Boards undertaken. A range of innovative models have been put in place, many influenced by developments in the NHS. These provide useful lessons back to the NHS as it continues to work on its own governance and leadership development.

Chair: Sir Malcolm Grant (Chairman, NHS England)
Respondent: Dr Anna Dixon (Director of Strategy and Chief Analyst, Department of Health)