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Volume 26, Number 1 (January 2006): Public Service Ethics.
Guest Editor: Alan Lawton

A collection of papers on public service ethics over the past 25 years will be published in January 2006. Debate articles (ideally 1000 words) are invited covering:

- Impact on public service ethics of NPM.
- Growth in the ethics ‘industry’.
- The international ethics agenda.
- The regulation of conduct.
- Changing values, changing ethics.
- Doing ‘good’ while doing ‘well’.
- Individual conscience and organizational constraints.

Contributions from different academic disciplines are welcomed. Contributions to: micky@mickylavender.com

Volume 26, Number 3 (June 2006): Managing Knowledge Across Organizational and Professional Boundaries within Public Services.
Guest Editor: Graeme Currie

Policy-makers have drawn from popular concepts, derived from the private sector, of knowledge management, community of practice and the learning organization, and embraced the idea that effective sharing of knowledge across organizational and professional boundaries can transform public services.

For example, within the National Health Service (NHS), breakthrough collaboratives have been implemented as part of the design of a knowledge management based strategy for NHS modernization. Knowledge sharing between university medical schools and NHS teaching hospitals has been encouraged. Within local government, the Beacon Council Scheme has attempted to spread best practice across the whole range of council business. The Beacon approach has been extended to education and health.

While academic evaluation of these initiatives has followed, there has been little reflection upon difficulties of sharing knowledge across organizational and professional boundaries. In particular knowledge sharing is bedevilled, first, by political problems. For example, in pursuit of self-interest, employees may hoard, rather than share knowledge.

Additionally, the economic facet of government policy, with its emphasis upon organizational performance, may inhibit knowledge sharing. Second, cultural problems mean professional groups interact mainly within their own ‘silos' and don't build effective relationships with other groups. Third, epistemological problems mean that professional knowledge is difficult to share because it is tacit; that is, difficult to articulate to others.

Potential contributions may focus upon a wide range of initiatives and issues connected with knowledge sharing, including those above. Contributions are encouraged from academics, policy-makers and practitioners. Essential within any contribution, however, is that there is some reflection upon the difficulties of instituting effective knowledge sharing practices within public services.
It is too late to submit a full paper, but should you wish to contribute a debate article, please contact Dr Graeme Currie (Graeme.currie@nottingham.ac.uk).

Volume 26, Number 3 (June 2006): Terrorism and Public Management. 
Guest Editor: Denis Smith

The aftermath of the terrorist attacks in New York and Madrid and the continued high level of threat that is associated with the current geopolitical situation has raised several important issues for public management that go beyond the security services. There are major implications for health care and social services that are associated with a continuing level of threat both within the UK and across national borders.

The ability of the NHS to cope with a major bioterrorist attack has been called in question. In addition, the capabilities of the emergency services to cope with an incident on the scale of the 911 attacks has also been the subject of debate. Similarly, government departments that deal with immigration and international relations are currently required to improve both their information collection and dissemination capabilities while maintaining the core principles of the UK's justice system. The presumption of 'innocent until proven guilty' raises some important legal and social challenges for the security services who need to ensure that terrorist acts are prevented, while maintaining individual's human rights. Against this background, Public Money & Management is planning a special issue of papers that consider the implications of the post-911 attacks on the public sector, both within the UK and internationally.

Authors should submit abstracts of articles for consideration to Professor Denis Smith, University of Liverpool Management School, Chatham Street, Liverpool L69 7ZH, UK. Email: denis.smith@liv.ac.uk

Volume 26, Number 4 (August 2006) will be a general issue containing only freely submitted papers.

Volume 26, Number 5 (October 2006): Financial Exclusion
Guest Editors: Dr John Wilson and Professor Donal McKillop

Submissions of empirical research on areas relating to financial exclusion are invited for possible inclusion. Papers are invited from academics and practitioners on policy-orientated research relating to financial exclusion including the following areas:

- The availability of credit to low-income households.
- Public policy responses and initiatives to tackling financial exclusion utilized in the UK and elsewhere.
- Private market ‘solutions’ to combating financial exclusion.
- The role of not-for-profit organizations as a public policy tool in tackling financial exclusion.
- The impact of financial exclusion on low-income households.

Detailed abstracts not exceeding 1,000 words should be submitted by 30 October 2005. From these five authors will be invited to submit articles of 5,000 words each. Abstracts should be submitted to either: Dr John Wilson, School of Management, The Gateway, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews KY16 9SS or Professor Donal McKillop, School of Management and Economics, Queen’s University of Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN

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