

# EDITORIAL

What will we think of clinical governance in five or ten years from now? Will it have been assimilated into our professional lives so fully that we wonder what all the fuss was about at the end of the millennium? Yes – probably – if recent history is any guide.

Only a few years ago, we were debating whether to be directly-managed units or second/third wave trusts. Now, we are so familiar with the structure and function of a trust that entire cross-bay amalgamations have occurred in a very short time. Doctors are heavily involved in senior management and professional partnerships between doctors, nurses, managers and others within the trust are increasingly familiar and effective.

This is a good thing. The first four articles in this issue are concerned with educational matters of the moment. They all

look to the future and this is a future that requires collaborative working within trusts especially. If we are to be better doctors, more accountable to the public and if we are to aspire to the training of the next generation (which may happen if the Liverpool University undergraduate expansion is announced) we cannot succeed in isolation. These partnerships become critical.

Two things are important for us all. One is to be well-informed. The second is to ensure that we understand how large organisations work and to participate in future development. This issue of the journal will help you on both accounts.

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