Addressing "Wicked Problems": Promoting the supply of innovations into complex healthcare networks

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"Wicked problems" are complex, open-ended and intractable, encompassing public sector challenges such as poverty, healthcare problems, and unemployment which markets and bureaucracies often fail to address. It is proposed that inter-organisational networks exist to resolve wicked problems by providing a flexible structure, information-rich resources and collaboration. This paper will present research into the value of inter-organisational networks in public sector organisations, focusing on the supply of innovations into NHS England.

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