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High-quality regulation is flawed by competing assumptions hiding behind a common language, argue Martin Lodge and Kai Wegrich in the May issue of *Public Money & Management*. This important article suggests that high-quality regulation needs to become part of the normal policy-making process to exist in terms of actual practice and not just mere prescription.

This issue of CIPFA's academic/professional journal also has articles on privatization; devolution; the use of routine data for cancer service management; the 'Payment by Results' (PbR) system being introduced into the English NHS; a new alert system for local councils in financial crisis; the accountability practices of the UK's largest charitable organizations; the civil service's private office system for ministers; and performance management in a UK police force.

In addition, in 'Effective human resources processes in local government', Catherine Truss explores the perspectives of line and HR managers in local authorities on how the HR function can best be organized to contribute to the development of their organizations. A new model of effective HR processes in local government is proposed.

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