



# Finance Bulletin

## April 2026

The aim of this current awareness bulletin is to provide a digest of recent guidelines, reports, research and best practice on healthcare business finance in the NHS.

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### News

#### **£1 billion invested in health protection as new Pandemic Strategy published**

Published alongside the UK Government's response to the Covid 19 Inquiry module 2 report.

DHSC, 25 March 2026

Available from: [£1 billion invested in health protection as new Pandemic Strategy published - GOV.UK](#)

#### **We need transparency about diverted NHS funds under US trade agreement – Nuffield Trust response to US-UK medicines partnership**

Nuffield Trust, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Available from: [We need transparency about diverted NHS funds under US trade agreement - Nuffield Trust response to US-UK medicines partnership | Nuffield Trust](#)

#### **Government invests £237 in expanding community diagnostic centres**

The investment includes 4 new CDC's in Gorton, Luton, Boston and Bideford during 2026/27.

Healthcare Management, Lee Peart, 14 April 2026

Available from: [Government invests £237m in expanding community diagnostic centres](#)



### **Hospital at Home proves best for patients and NHS budgets**

A new study has found that treating patients with serious conditions at home could save the NHS hundreds of millions of pounds while improving patient outcomes and satisfaction.

UK Authority, Mark Chillingworth, 20 April 2026

Available from: [Hospital at Home proves best for patients and NHS budgets | UKAuthority](#)

## **Articles**

### **NHS injury costs recovery scheme: April 2025 to March 2026**

Data on the funds collected by the Compensation Recovery Unit and funds paid to the NHS.

DHSC, last updated 2 April 2026

Available from: [NHS injury costs recovery scheme: April 2025 to March 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

### **Full detail of UK-US pharmaceutical partnership agreed**

The pharmaceutical partnership is estimated to be worth at least £5bn a year in UK exports but also means the NHS paying more for new branded medicines.

Healthcare Management, Lee Peart, 7 April 2026

Available from: [Full detail of UK-US pharmaceutical partnership agreed](#)

### **The true cost of surgical training**

In this article the Confederation of British Surgery highlights the true cost of surgical training.

Clinical Services Journal, Vol 25, Issue 4, April 26, p21

### **Inefficiencies cost NHS £1bn in lost productivity report finds**

Research from Apogee found routine inefficiencies across NHS organisations are significantly reducing frontline capacity.

Healthcare Management, 28 April 2026

Available from: [Inefficiencies cost NHS £1bn in lost productivity, report finds](#)

## **Reports**

### **Waste Not – How the UK government can save money and support public services**

A look at waste – concentrating on failed processes. Verdant is a think tank committed to the values of social and environmental justice.

Verdant, March 2026

Available from: [bwaformP9-4 artwork sign off](#)



### **Quality and Outcomes Framework guidance for 2026/27**

Additional guidance on the interpretation and verification of the QOF indicators for 2026/27 in England.

NHS England, 26 March 2026

Available from: [NHS England » Quality and Outcomes Framework guidance for 2026/27](#)

### **A review of Pay Comparability for the DDRB**

Independent review of pay comparability for doctors and dentists.

DHSC, 25 March 2026

Available from: [A Review of Pay Comparability for the DDRB - GOV.UK](#)

### **Bismarck versus Beveridge revisited: Does the model shape the outcome?**

A major new IPPR report finds that the best way to fix the NHS is to change the way money is spent, not the funding model.

IPPR, 13 April 2026

Available from: [Bismarck versus Beveridge revisited: Does the model shape the outcome? | IPPR](#)

### **NHS dental quality and payment reforms: guidance**

The guidance documents for guidance on implementation of the 2026 dental contract.

NHS England, 26 March 2026

Available from: [NHS England » NHS dental quality and payment reforms: guidance](#)

## **Funding & Financial Frameworks**

### **2026/27 NHS Payment Scheme**

The NHS payment scheme governs transactions between providers and commissioners of secondary healthcare.

NHS England, updated 1 April 2026

Available from: [NHS England » 2026/27 NHS Payment Scheme](#)

### **Public Health commissioning in the NHS: 2026 to 2027**

Information about NHS England's objectives and funding arrangements as it commissions public health services.

DHSC, 30 March 2026

Available from: [Public health commissioning in the NHS: 2026 to 2027 - GOV.UK](#)



**User-led organisation training fund grant determination: 2026 to 2027**

A grant determination letter outlining funding conditions and eligibility requirements to claim funding for user-led organisations in adult social care.

DHSC, 16 March 2026

**Available from:** [User-led organisation training fund grant determination: 2026 to 2027 - GOV.UK](#)

**Blogs**

**How can we fix health care spending? Views from across the political spectrum**

Health care spending is set to double in the next 50 years. Should we be worried? The Kings Fund, David Blumenthal, et al, 27 March 2026

Available from: [How Can We Fix Health Care Spending? Views From Across The Political Spectrum | The King's Fund](#)

**Change the way NHS money is spent not funding model, says IPPR**

Research has found that the best way to fix the NHS is to change the way its money is spent rather than its funding model.

Health Management, Lee Peart, 14 April 2026

Available from: [Change the way NHS money is spent not funding model, says IPPR](#)

**Courses**

**Digital transformation and AI in NHS finance 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2026, online – for HFMA partners

HFMA, 2026

Available from: [Digital transformation and AI in NHS finance 2026 | HFMA](#)

**Library Training Dates**

**Library and Knowledge Services Training Dates – please email**

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- Friday 22nd May 9:30am - 10:20am
- Tuesday 9th June 10:00am - 10:45am
- Friday 19th June 9:30am - 10:20am



<b>Effective Searching Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 19th May 10:00am - 11:30am</li><li>• Monday 29th June 2:30pm - 4:00pm</li></ul>
<b>Publishing for Beginners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday 12th May 2:00pm - 3:00pm</li><li>• Tuesday 16th June 12:00pm - 1:00pm</li></ul>
<b>Introduction to Research Metrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 14th May 2:00pm - 3:00pm</li><li>• Thursday 11th June 10:00am - 11:00am</li></ul>
<b>Starting a Journal Club for Beginners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesday 13th May 2:00pm - 3:00pm</li><li>• Wednesday 10th June 10:00am - 11:00am</li></ul>
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