



Finance Bulletin

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News

UK Commits \$26.87 Million to Contain Ebola Outbreak in DRC

Britain has allocated up to 20 million pounds in new aid funding.

Medscape, 20 May 2026

Available from: [UK Commits \\$26.87 Million to Contain Ebola Outbreak in DRC](#)

Repairing EPR data errors could cost NHS at least £13.5m in 2026

MBI health, data specialists, predict that NHS trusts in England could spend more than £13.5 million in 2026 correcting data problems which emerged after EPR go-lives.

Digital health, 13 May 2026

Available from: [Repairing EPR data errors could cost NHS at least £13.5m in 2026](#)

Hard-won NHS gains at risk amid growing concerns of cuts to services

Comments on findings in the new report from The NHS Alliance regarding growing financial pressures.

The NHS Alliance, 18 May 2026

Available from: [Hard-won NHS gains at risk amid growing concerns of cuts to services](#)



Audit Report exposes high cost of agency nursing in Northern Ireland

The NI Audit Office has called on the DoH to benchmark agency staff costs against other part of the UK after revealing that the country is paying 25% more on average for agency nurses.

HFMA, Steve Brown, 28 May 2026

Available from: [Audit report exposes high cost of agency nursing in Northern Ireland | HFMA](#)

Articles

Targets and trade-offs: NHS finance and performance ambitions in 2026/27

TeNHS Alliance, 18 May 2026

Available from: [Targets and trade-offs: NHS finance and performance ambitions in 2026/27](#)

New Hospital Programme Update

New hospitals are now due to open much later than envisaged. The previous Public Accounts Committee found that there was insufficient funding for the DHSC to build all hospitals planned by 2030

UK Parliament, April 2026

Available from: [New Hospital Programme update](#)

Health service needs political backing to make tough decisions, NHS Alliance warns

NHS leaders have called for political backing to make difficult decisions amid growing financial pressures.

Public Finance, Rachel Wilcox, 20 May 2026

Reports

Senior Salaries Review Body Report: 2026

Recommendations from the Senior Salaries Review Body on the remuneration of senior staff in the public sector.

Gov.uk, 21 May 2026

Available from: [Senior Salaries Review Body Report: 2026 - GOV.UK](#)

Funding & Financial Frameworks

Annual assessment of integrated care boards 2025/26 – supporting guidance

Guidance setting out the annual assessment process followed to assess integrated care board (ICB) performance in the 2025/26 financial year

NHS England, 22 April 2026



Available from: [NHS England » Annual assessment of integrated care boards 2025/26 – supporting guidance](#)

Healthcare Funding

Latest Funding Figures for England

The Health Foundation, Zeyad Issa last updated 5 March 2026

Available from: [Health care funding - The Health Foundation](#)

Blogs

A higher NHS drugs bill means difficult decisions lie ahead for the government.

The Health Foundation, Eric Yang, 8 April 2026

Available from: [A higher NHS drugs bill means difficult decisions lie ahead for the government - The Health Foundation](#)

What can Wes Streeting's successor learn from his record on the NHS and social care?

Nuffield Trust, Mark Dayan, 14 May 2026

Available from: [What can Wes Streeting's successor learn from his record on the NHS and social care? | Nuffield Trust](#)

US-UK medicines partnership: the impact assessment of the costs and benefits must be published

Nuffield Trust, Sally Gainsbury and James Lomas, 13 May 2026

Available from: [US-UK medicines partnership: the impact assessment of the costs and benefits must be published | Nuffield Trust](#)

Courses

NHS Finance for Senior Leaders

The NHS Alliance, 1 October 2026 8.30 – 15.00 Online

Available from: [Training: NHS finance for senior leaders | NHS Providers](#)

NHS Chief Finance Officers and Commercial Leaders Forum

The NHS Alliance, 16 July 2026 10 – 11.30 Online

Available from: [NHS Chief Finance Officers and Commercial Leaders Forum, July 2026](#)

Podcasts

The US UK trade deal will cost the NHS billions, and only serve to increase pharma profits

Discussion on the new trade deal which came into force in April.

Medicine and Science from the BMJ, 1 May 2026



Available from: [The US UK trade deal will cost...–Medicine and Science from The BMJ – Apple Podcasts](#)

Library Training Dates

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Getting the best out of your OpenAthens Account

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

Effective Searching Skills

- Monday 29th June 2:30pm - 4:00pm

Publishing for Beginners

- Tuesday 16th June 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Introduction to Research Metrics

- Thursday 11th June 10:00am - 11:00am

Starting a Journal Club for Beginners

- Wednesday 10th June 10:00am - 11:00am

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