



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Department of Health & Social Care

[Better Care Fund policy framework: 2021 to 2022](#)

The policy framework sets out the national conditions, metrics and funding arrangements for the Better Care Fund in 2021 to 2022.

[Build Back Better: Our Plan for Health and Social Care](#)

The government's new plan for healthcare, adult social care, and our new funding plan.

Healthcare Finance Management Association

[NHS environmental sustainability guidance map](#)

The HFMA has produced an NHS environmental sustainability guidance map. The map brings together the key guidance, tools and examples to support the NHS in meeting its commitments to environment sustainability.

[Summary of Integrated care systems: design framework](#)

The framework begins to set out how the NHS will operate within a statutory integrated care system (ICS). It covers a number of areas where clarity has been requested, such as how resources will be allocated and the roles of different organisations within the ICS.

[Summary of the Health and Care Bill](#)

This briefing summarises the key parts of the bill focusing on those areas that will impact on HFMA members.

[The role of the NHS finance function in addressing health inequalities](#)

This short paper considers what is meant by health inequalities, what causes them and the impact that they can have on people's health and the NHS. It considers the role that NHS finance staff can play in tackling inequalities and introduces a new HFMA programme of work to support members in this endeavour.

[What does good look like for costing in the NHS?](#)

This briefing describes HFMA members' views on what good looks like for costing

Institute for Fiscal Studies

[Pressure on the NHS](#)

In this chapter, we assess the NHS's starting point, in terms of its funding, resources and performance on the eve of the pandemic. We then turn to the pandemic-related pressures on the NHS over the next few years, and assess the adequacy of the government's latest funding announcement by comparing it with our assessments of the scale of NHS funding pressures.



Published research

You've improved the process but do you know how much you've saved the NHS?

Source: Clinical finance journal; volume 2; issue 1; 2021

Available at: [Clinical Finance Journal](#)

Initially qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with the National Audit Office, Asher is currently a junior doctor. As a result of COVID-19, a gap arose in the commercial finance team for an interim finance manager to help with the added workload. During this time Asher was able to build a picture of what occurs clinically and financially during a patient's stay; from their initial presentation all the way through to discharge.

Blogs

Kings Fund

[Raising the levy: will the new health and social care tax work?](#)

[A combined health and care levy could create as many problems as it solves](#)

Public Finance

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[How tax and austerity can be two sides to the same coin](#)

CIPFA chief economist Jeffrey Matsu assesses the potential impacts of the government's new health and social care levy.

[With a digital framework in place, funding should now follow](#)

New guidance on embedding digital infrastructure is welcome, but further funding is required to meet upscaling needs, says Margaret Steward, policy and projects officer at NHS Providers.



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<https://bestpractice.bmj.com/oafed>

ClinicalKey is a database which supports healthcare professionals by providing access to the latest evidence across specialties.

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