



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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News and Features

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[Special Report: Integrated Care](#) (22nd April)

Integrated care systems (ICSs) are likely to acquire statutory footing at some point in 2022. Maja Dragovic looks at how big a role digital will play in establishing connected care within ICSs.

Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA)

[Environmental sustainability round-up](#)

This briefing sets out the latest developments in environmental sustainability both within the NHS and the wider finance profession. It highlights recent news, events and material that is relevant for those with a passion to combat climate change.

[How to review and scrutinise the numbers during the year](#)

This briefing sets out a series of questions to be asked during the year to assess the financial position of an NHS body and to identify any areas of potential concern. Good governance involves non-executive directors appropriately challenging financial reports during the year as well as at the year end.

[Improving NHS financial sustainability: are you getting the basics right?](#)

Since March 2020, NHS organisations have been focused on the operational management of the Covid-19 pandemic. This, coupled with the temporary financial regime and additional funding, meant efficiency requirements were put on hold. Now there is a renewed focus on improving financial sustainability and a need to regain financial grip, while still balancing the competing priorities from operational activity, workforce demands and recovery from Covid-19. This self-assessment is intended to help finance teams to think about the core elements that should be in place to support board assurance over an NHS organisation's financial sustainability.

[Summary of Capital guidance for 2022-2025](#)

NHS England and NHS Improvement published [Capital guidance for 2022-2025](#) as part of the 2022/23 priorities and operational planning guidance. This briefing summarises the key points in the guidance – the original document should be referred to for further detail.



National Audit Office

[Investigation into the management of PPE contracts](#)

According to this report, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) continues to deal with the contract management issues caused by the need to purchase unprecedented volumes of PPE in 2020 due to Covid-19, with billions of pounds of taxpayers' money still at risk.

Published research

[Identifying and understanding the factors that influence the functioning of integrated healthcare systems in the NHS: a systematic literature review](#)

BMJ Open, 2022, 12(4)

[Review of 33 articles stratified factors affecting integrated healthcare systems into 6 categories; organisational culture, workforce management, interorganisational collaboration, leadership, economic and political factors. Leadership was the most influential factor.]

Webinars

Social Care Institute for Excellence

[ICS Finance - Delivering best value through system collaboration](#)

You must be logged in to view this webinar recording. It's free to register.

What does the latest financial framework mean for Integrated Care Systems (ICSs)? How will it support quality improvement and delivering best value through system collaboration? This webinar offers an overview of the financial framework underpinning ICSs and explores how mechanisms such as blended payments and shared control totals can improve clinical pathway transformation.



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