



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Centre for Health Economics

[Approaches to projecting future healthcare demand](#)

To plan services and staff for the NHS, the government needs to know how much demand for services will rise and how much to spend on the NHS in future. These future estimates are known as projections: they indicate how much demand might rise or how much might be spent if certain assumptions hold true. This research paper aims to describe and critically assess alternative statistical methods for projecting future health care demand and expenditure.

The Health Foundation

[Integrated care systems: what do they look like?](#)

The Health Foundation; 2022.

In this long read the Health Foundation analyse publicly available data on some of the characteristics of ICSs and context in each area – including the organisational and policy context, health challenges, and capacity within the health care system to address them. The Health Foundation compare areas and discuss implications for policy.

[Spring Statement 2022: What does rising inflation mean for health and social care?](#)

In this analysis the Health Foundation take a look at what the Spring Statement could mean for health and social care funding pressures. They explore the implications of higher inflation on the health and social care funding settlement agreed in Oct 2021 and the immediate consequences for the real-terms pay of those working in the sector. They highlight the significance of the real-terms pay cuts within the context of current workforce shortages, and efforts to reduce the elective care backlog.

[Where next for NHS nurses' pay?](#)

This analysis looks at the impact of high inflation and other factors affecting nurse pay, assessing the potential implications for the 2022 NHS Pay Review Body recommendations on nurses' earnings. Secondly, the Health Foundation consider the extent to which the current pay determination system could be improved to meet NHS nurse workforce priorities.

HFMA

[Introductory guide to NHS Finance](#)

This document aims to provide a comprehensive guide to how the NHS finance regime works, as well as the wider landscape in which it operates. It covers integrated care, primary care, secondary care



as well as commissioning and the role of local authorities and other bodies. It also looks at financial accountability, regulation, governance and capital funding, among other topics.

NHS Confederation

[Unlocking capital funding: improving patient safety and reducing the backlog](#)

NHS leaders share the government's commitment to further boosting NHS efficiency and productivity and are doing all they can to tackle the care backlog that has built up in recent years. But they are being held back in their efforts by a lack of capital funding which is now a major barrier.

NHS England

[Who Pays? Determining which NHS commissioner is responsible for commissioning healthcare services and making payments to providers](#)

Who Pays? sets out the framework for establishing which NHS commissioner will be responsible for commissioning and paying for an individual's NHS care. This revised version of Who Pays? and accompanying Appendix 3 is in draft form in recognition that the NHS needs to know what rules are likely to apply, in terms of responsibilities for commissioning and payment, from the date at which Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are established under the Health and Care Act 2022.

NHS England and NHS Improvement

[Allocation of resources 2022/23](#)

NHS England is responsible for determining allocations of financial resources to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) from April 2022. Total annual budgets given to ICBs cover the majority of NHS spending. The allocations process uses a statistical formula to make geographic distribution fair and objective, so that it more clearly reflects local healthcare need and helps to reduce health inequalities. This page contains the allocations and associated documents for the 2022/23 allocations round.

Nuffield Trust

[Health system recovery from Covid-19: International lessons for the NHS](#)

The challenges confronting the NHS in recovering from the pandemic are huge with waiting lists of over 6 million patients. Yet worldwide, the pandemic has left even the most well-equipped health systems vulnerable. What approaches have other countries used to move towards recovery, and what might the NHS learn? This major new Nuffield Trust report looks across 16 different countries to gain an understanding of the recovery challenge worldwide.



Published research

[Budget impact analysis of a pilot polypharmacy clinic](#)

British Journal of Healthcare Management 2022; 28(4); p. 1-9

Available via [journal article request](#)

This study estimated the budget impact of providing a specialist onward referral service for patients with potentially problematic polypharmacy. Two service models were proposed: an outpatient model, based on the pilot clinic, and an integrated model, a theoretical integrated service collaborating with colleagues in primary care. Annual overall cost savings from the outpatient model and integrated model were estimated at £67 158 and £34 176 respectively.

Blogs

NHS Confederation

[What procurement law reforms mean for buying digital technology](#)

The legal complexities of awarding contracts for technology services and the changes to procurement that the Health and Care Act will bring.

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