



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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News and Features

NHS England

[NHS saves £1.2 billion on medicines over three years](#)

The NHS has saved taxpayers £1.2 billion in just three years, while securing cutting-edge treatments for patients, by using its buying power to negotiate better prices for hundreds of hospital medicines.

Guidelines, Policies and Reports

Global Green and Healthy Hospitals

[New resources to support sustainable procurement in health care](#)

The Global green and Healthy Hospitals Network and Health Care Without Harm present five new quick guides, developed to help hospitals and health centers support and advance their sustainable procurement programs.

HFMA

[Board financial reports – getting the basics right](#)

The NHS is under financial pressure and there is a renewed focus on improving financial sustainability. NHS bodies are being challenged to regain financial grip, while still balancing competing priorities from operational activity, workforce demands and recovery from the impact of Covid-19. This briefing, produced with the support of NHS Shared Business Services, looks at how financial information should be presented to boards to support their assessment of their financial position.

[Ethical standards: roles and responsibilities of the NHS accountant](#)

The pressure to deliver more and more healthcare services, and produce a balanced financial position means that the requirements for NHS finance professionals to maintain ethical standards is more important than ever. This briefing, updated in July 2022, explores the ethical dilemmas facing NHS finance staff; provides a reminder of ethical requirements; and sets out what NHS finance staff can do to ensure ethical standards are met.

[Financial sustainability – the essential building blocks](#)

Delivering long-term financial sustainability is not something that can be achieved quickly and is an ongoing process rather than a one-off plan, with a focus on delivering value. This briefing describes the essential building blocks to improving financial sustainability in the NHS.



[Integrated care system finance and governance guidance map](#)

The HFMA has produced an integrated care system (ICS) finance and governance guidance map. The map brings together the key guidance and useful resources to help navigate the information that has been published to support the changes brought about by the Health and Care Act 2022.

NHS England

[Integrated care boards: counter fraud statutory guidance](#)

This document outlines counter-fraud requirements for integrated care boards (ICBs). It also describes the interaction and division of responsibilities between the counter-fraud functions of ICBs and NHS England.

NHS Providers

[The Financial and Performance Task for Trusts in 2022/23](#)

The pressures facing the NHS now can be traced back over the last decade as four long-term fault lines, all of which have been exacerbated by the pandemic; the longest and deepest financial squeeze in NHS history, a growing mismatch in capacity and demand resulting in pressure on national performance standards pre pandemic, staff vacancies and the need for better workforce planning, and an underfunded social care system in need of reform.

Research briefing

NIHR Evidence

[What does it take to lead an integrated care system?](#)

Research has focused on the personal characteristics of an ICS leader rather than their role in an integrated team. The studies in the review did not generally address the complexity of the team, which is likely to make different demands on a leader. They generally assumed that leaders used the same tools or approaches, no matter how complex the team or system. The research team argue that this assumption is not valid and more research is needed to understand how to successfully lead ICSs.

House of Commons Library

[Public service pensions: impact of pension tax rules on NHS consultants and GPs](#)

This note focuses on the debate about the impact of pension tax rules on some senior NHS staff. The NHS pension scheme is public service occupational pension scheme. It is a defined benefit scheme which means that it pays a promised pension based on salary and length of service. Further details about the scheme are covered in the Commons Library briefing NHS Pension Scheme.



Blogs / Commentary / Opinion Pieces

Financial Management

[7 actions to consider when facing pressure to act unethically](#)

Pressure to act in an unethical way can come from unexpected sources and can take you by surprise, but there are steps you can take to deal with the threat.

[7 ways to tackle negativity in the workplace](#)

Address toxic behaviours before they become ingrained in the office culture.

NHS Confederation

[Procurement in the NHS: how our future will have to be different](#)

Procurement can no longer be seen as simply an arm of the finance department. It can realise benefits that go far beyond delivering savings.

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Online Resources

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

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