

# FUTURE-FOCUSED FINANCE – DEMYSTIFYING NHS FINANCE

## DRAFT AGENDA

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Platform:** Microsoft Teams

**Audience:** Clinicians and non-finance managers who have minimal knowledge of how finance works in the NHS.

This is a comprehensive event designed to educate healthcare professionals and managers who do not have a finance background about the basics of NHS Finance. The morning session is compulsory, but you are free to leave and return in the afternoon, depending on which sessions are of relevance to you.

*MS Teams link to join [here](#).*

### 09.30 Welcome & Introduction

NHS Future-Focused Finance is committed to demystifying NHS Finance to improve clinical value. AK, FFF's Clinical lead will set the scene for the workshop explaining how the FFF programme aims to educate clinicians in how to navigate the new financial environment and the importance of financial training to all NHS professionals.

*Dr Akeeban Maheswaran, Consultant Anaesthetist at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and Lead for Clinical Engagement, NHS Future-Focused Finance and afternoon co-chair Pam Kaur, Commercial Finance Manager, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust*

### 09.45 Introduction to NHS Finance

This session will give overview of the ever-changing NHS Structure and how the money flows and look at NHS payment systems and how this might all change in the post-COVID era.

*Dr Akeeban Maheswaran, Consultant Anaesthetist at University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust and SRO, Close Partnering Workstream, Future-Focused Finance*

### 10.20 Introduction to Commissioning in the NHS

The commissioning system has continually evolved since its inception and will need to continue to develop in order to meet the NHS challenges today and in the future. Commissioning will be central ensuring that the NHS delivers the triple aim of improved population health, quality of care and cost-control. This session will give you a better understanding of the following:

- What is commissioning?
- How is it changing?
- Regulation and Monitoring
- Integration and working with others

*Anthony Browne, Director of Finance Strategic Commissioning, NHS North Central London ICB*

**10.55 Screen/Coffee Break**

**11.05 Introduction to Procurement for Clinicians**

This session will give an introduction to procurement in the NHS, session objectives include:

- Understand what procurement is
- How procurement works in your organisation
- What are category towers?
- What are frameworks
- How does your organisation buy goods, services, or capital?

*Marc Ibbotson, HCSA Learning and Development Lead, Health Care Supplies Association*

**11.40 Journey to an Integrated Care System – Black Country ICS**

Black Country ICS is a partnership of organisations working together to improve health and care services for the people in the local area.

This session will look at the development of Integrated Care Systems on the journey to become the statutory leaders of the local health and care systems from April 2022.

*Georgina Dean, Chief Finance Officer, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust*

**12.15 Lunch break**

**13.15 Introduction to NHS Costing and PLICS – Acute**

This session will give attendees an Introduction to costing in Acute Trusts in the NHS looking at:

- What is costing?
- Why is it important?
- Understanding the patient journey and cost
- Patient Level Costing
- How costing information can be used to improve patient care

*Edward Tyson, SLR & Costing Business Partner, North Bristol NHS Trust*

**13:45 Introduction to NHS Costing and PLICS – Mental Health**

This session will give attendees an Introduction to costing in Mental Health Trusts in the NHS looking at:

- What is costing?
- Why is it important?
- Understanding the patient journey and cost
- Patient Level Costing
- How costing information can be used to improve patient care

*Clare Jacklin, Senior Costing Accountant, Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust*

**14:15 Introduction to Clinical Coding**

This session will give attendees an insight into the role of Clinical Coding in being paid for our services, the importance of accurate coding and the main challenges.

*Sam Levy, Deputy Head of Coding – Operational & Coding Improvement Informatics,  
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust*

**14:45 Screen/Coffee Break**

**15:00 Introduction to Primary Care Finance**

This session will give you an introduction how primary care is funded, including more information on:

- GP Core Contract
- Primary Care Networks
- Quality and Outcomes Framework

*Miles Earl, Head of Finance (Primary Care and Acute), NHS Devon ICB*

**15:30 Understanding Budgets and spreadsheets**

This session aims to provide an understanding the key principles of setting and managing your budget effectively as a budget holder in your organisation.

*Michael Pollard, Senior Divisional Finance Manager & Momena Rabbani, Divisional Finance Advisor, East Lancashire Teaching Hospitals MHS Trust.*

**16:00 Business Cases**

This session will give you tips on preparing business cases, looking at:

- Why we need business cases?
- The Evolution of a Business Case
- Why business cases fail
- Top tips in working with colleagues to put together a successful bid

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**16.30 Close**

This event will be recorded and available to watch back.