



## Following the Money: Finance in the National Health Service

The NHS in England is currently allocated some £110 Billion of public money. It is required to finance a service that is open to all comers, is largely free at the point of delivery, and is expected by politicians and the public to meet all of the demands for care placed on it.

Money will ultimately determine what, where and when services are provided. Budgets have to be balanced and so choices – implicit and explicit, are made.

This module will explain how the NHS is funded, consider alternatives used in other systems and develop a series of financial management techniques that will enable participants to better understand, and ultimately influence, the processes.

The aims of this module are:

- ✚ to develop a practical insight into how money flows in the NHS, from Government to NHS England, onto Clinical Commissioning Groups and other purchasers of care.
- ✚ to look at the provider level – both primary and secondary care-and examine how it is managed and develop an insight into current and developing financial management techniques that will strengthen participants' ability to secure resources for their services.

### Who is it for?

The programme is open to all health and social care professionals including those in non-clinical healthcare leadership or management roles. If you are involved, or interested in becoming involved, in decision making within the NHS, this module will be invaluable.

### Added Value

The Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) is the professional body for health and social care finance staff within the NHS. As part of this Keele Programme, participants will be enrolled in the HFMA online learning and assessment package leading to the HFMA Introductory Certificate in Healthcare Finance and opportunities for further networking and study with the HFMA. Included in the module fee is the HFMA text 'Introductory Guide - NHS Finance'.

Over three days face-to-face, plus on line activities and assessments, this module is available as CPD and also as 15 University Masters level credits, which can be added to other Keele credits to build a MMedSci.

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