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May Newsletter



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We've just published the results of the NHS finance staff census and staff attitudes survey. The results show that the main motivators for working in the NHS are public sector values and a wish to improve patient care. Find out more from our [briefing](#) and [infographic](#).

This month we're kick-starting the Brighter Together events, part of Alex Gild's presidential theme. The events are free for HFMA members and will cover topics such as procurement, workforce and estates. Remember to bring a colleague along to make the most out of these collaborative learning opportunities. [Learn more](#).

Next month we're launching our annual awards programme. The [HFMA Awards](#) celebrate excellence in finance departments across the four home nations, showcasing best practice and achievement in financial management and governance. Follow us on [twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to keep abreast of the latest news.

We hope you find this newsletter informative. If you do have any feedback or suggestions please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

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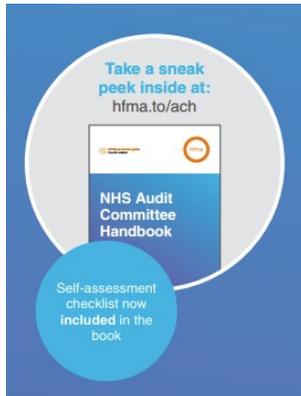


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This month's policy and technical update:

During the last month these briefings were published:



The NHS finance function in 2017: England
Conflicts of interest in the NHS: a short practical guide
NHS Efficiency map - updated
Ethical standards: roles and responsibilities of the NHS accountant
Subsidiary companies – financial considerations
Using the apprenticeship levy in England
Consultation response on the Update bulletin 2 accounting and reporting by charities

Audit committee handbook published

The HFMA has published an updated version of its NHS audit committee handbook. This is a must-read for all audit committee members and anyone else with an interest – particularly those on governing bodies. The handbook explores the most common new arrangements and looks at how the audit committee should approach them, their associated risk and governance implications.

[Order your copy here.](#)

Every month our policy and technical team brings you materials on current issues to support you in your jobs. Make sure you are an [individual member](#) to take full advantage of them.

Committees and special interest groups

Accounting and Standards Committee meeting – 10 May, London
Governance and Audit Committee meeting – 15 May, London
Policy and Research Committee meeting – 22 May, London
Environmental Sustainability Group meeting – 31 May, London
Charitable Funds Group meeting – 12 June, London

HFMA Qualifications



Applications for the May intake closed last week following a huge amount of continued interest in the [HFMA masters-level diplomas in healthcare business and finance](#).

If you missed the May deadline or would like to consider studying the HFMA programme applications are now open for the September intake.

[Find out more](#)

Member in focus: Rebecca Coldrick



Rebecca Coldrick spent 5 years teaching physics before she joined the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme. We spoke with her about her new position as student representative of the West Midlands branch and about the importance of having a fulfilling job.

[Read the full interview with Rebecca.](#)

[Join our circle to get to know colleagues from across the country.](#)

[HFMA blogs](#)

[Unlocking potential of all](#)

'We need to do more than make progress on equality and diversity,' says HFMA president **Alex Gild**.

[Ethically speaking](#)

Lisa Robertson blogs about the new HFMA briefing that reminds finance staff about their ethical responsibilities.

[Subsidiaries: getting to grips with the detail](#)

Health economies are showing increasing interest in using wholly-owned subsidiaries to deliver services such as estates and facilities management and outpatient pharmacy. **Debbie Paterson** has more.

[Further push needed to deliver costing potential](#)

'There is still a huge amount to be done to realise costing's full potential,' says **Catherine Mitchell**.

[HFMA executive coaching](#)



Why taking a holiday is good for your career

You may just be able to feel the rays of the upcoming summer. For most people, summer means sunshine and time off. However, as you make plans for your trip you might find yourself wondering how you'll make it onto the ferry without working even longer hours in the build up to your big break.

[Read the full blog.](#)

[Arrange a call back](#) with Claire Merrick, Coaching and Mentoring Services Manager, to discuss how you can reach your potential with the support of one of our experienced coaches.

[Convergence 2.0: Coming together to collaborate and share learning](#)

5-6 July, East Midlands conference centre, Nottingham



Day tickets now available!

This two day event will fully merge the annual commissioning and provider conferences. The event will feature care case studies from NHS England's first wave of integrated care systems.

[View the full programme and book your place](#)

Brighter Together events

Free one day programmes for HFMA members

As part of Alex Gild's presidency theme for 2017/18 'Our NHS, Your HFMA, Brighter Together,' we are running a series of free events for our members.

Procurement, 24 May

Workforce, 20 June

Estates, 20 November

[Find out more](#)

Healthcare Costing for Value Institute

The Institute Costing Together Discussion Forum is now live on LinkedIn. [The forum](#) is only open to staff from Institute member organisations and aims to provide a safe space for costing practitioners and others to discuss key issues relating to costing and value with their peers.

Find out more about the [Institute's programme for 2018/19](#).

Dates for your diary

Convergence 2.0

5-6 July, East Midlands Conference Centre

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HFMA/ CIPFA annual health and social care conference

19 September, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Annual mental health finance conference 2018

27 September, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Audit committee conference 2018

14 November, 110 Rochester Row, London

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HFMA Annual conference – Brighter Together

5-7 December, Hilton London Metropole

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Faculties

Commissioning Finance Faculty forum: Best practice in prescribing

10 May, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Provider Faculty director's forum & launch of 'making money work in the health and care system' report launch

16 May, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Chair, Non-Executive Director and Lay Member Faculty forum

17 May, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Provider Faculty technical forum: Preparing for IFRS16

20 September, 110 Rochester Row, London

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CEO forum

25 September, 110 Rochester Row, London

[More information](#)

Chair, Non-Executive Director and Lay Member Faculty forum

10 October, 110 Rochester Row, London

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Provider Faculty director's forum

17 October, 110 Rochester Row, London

[More information](#)

HFMA commissioning forum

15 November, 110 Rochester Row, London

HFMA's branches

Keep abreast of your local finance community.

The [HFMA's branches](#) are in the heart of everything we do. Keep up to date with your local network to make the most out of your membership.

[West Midlands](#), 7 June
[London](#), 21 June
[North West](#), 28 June
[South Central](#), 13-14 September
[South West](#), 20-21 September
[Wales](#), 27-28 September

[Eastern](#), 19 October
[Kent, Surrey & Sussex](#), 12-13 October
[Scotland](#), 25-26 October
[East Midlands](#), 9 November
[Northern](#), 16 November
[Northern Ireland](#), 23 November

[Healthcare Finance, May](#)

[Demand management: Home help](#)

What has been the impact of enhancing services to care homes at six vanguard sites?

[Finance function: Distinguishing features](#)

The results of the latest NHS finance function census and staff attitudes survey

[Costing: Rising interest](#)

Stakeholders are increasingly interested in a more detailed patient-level dataset

[Integrated care: One population, one budget](#)

How integrated care systems are taking responsibility for resources and population health



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