

Presentations from our 6 systems on Innovation



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Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust

Tuesday 21 February 2023

Working together for a healthier future



3 initiatives

- 1. Medium Term Financial Planning System Wide Led by West Herts on behalf of the system
- 2. Flash reporting, Day 1 early view Led by HPFT
- 3. Engine Room, Bringing Accountability and Decision making forward

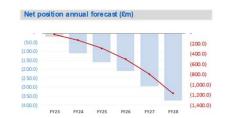
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1. Medium Term Financial Plan





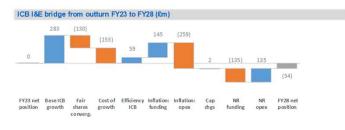














Principles:

- Identify system financial plan.
- Ensure consistency of application of planning assumptions and demonstrate impact of changes on future financial position of the system.
- Enable early look of planning assumptions and road testing as guidance is released.





2. What is the Flash?





Flash Position = an early indication of the financial position; enables handover of info from Finance to Ops to enable earlier decisions

Assumes we can:

- A. Estimate the position early;
 - B. Take action on this information;
- C. Those actions have a benefit





2. Flash Principles

Challenge Statements

- 1. How to decide on key areas which impact financial position
- 2. How to get key data to ensure accuracy
- 3. How to estimate realistically
- 4. Avoiding doing the whole job early / doing it twice

Proposed Solution

- 1. Prioritise parts of I&E with:
 - Greatest cost fluctuation
 - Largest spend
- For HPFT this meant:
 - Block Income
 - Other Income
 - Pay 3 types separated
 - Secondary commissioning
 - Overheads
- 3. High level numbers only





3. Engine Room

Moving the decision making and actions into a physical space













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BLMK Developments & Challenges

Developments

- We have an agreed set of System Financial Principles
- Our system financial reporting includes financial information of four Local Authorities (Places) and inter system partners
- Developed Five Year MTFP over summer and autumn of 2022 including services provided by inter system partners
- The Milton Keynes Deal; Bedfordshire Deal in development

Challenges

- Culture of Health and non NHS Partners; ICBs are very different organisations
- Finance Function support to emerging Places structures and Alliances



BLMK have agreed a Set of System Financial Principles (1)

- We will work together collaboratively to pursue and achieve our Objectives, providing whatever support and assistance we reasonably can to each other to do so. We will act with utmost good faith towards each other
- We will be open and transparent and willing to share information, knowing it will not be used against us
- We will invest in the development of our teams to support greater system working.
 Finance leaders will support the development of a 'system orientated' culture.
- Financial Stability We will financially compensate any organisation whose financial position worsens as a result of a decision that improves the finances of the system as a whole
- We will manage risk as a system, and share risk based on the principle of who is best able to manage the risk.



BLMK have agreed a set of System Financial Principles (2)

- We will actively work to enable funding flows based on the service cost base to move across sectors or organisations as pathways change.
- Organisations will not take unilateral decisions that affect system capacity.
- We will change our contracts to enable the delivery of the right services and pathways, not use contracts to block change.
- We will develop System Business Cases jointly and use the ICS FD and CEX group to address any challenges that cannot be addressed elsewhere
- All parties will provide support and leadership in the development and implementation of projects.
- We will build the evaluation of planned benefits into our approach and will stop or change any service transformation that does not deliver the anticipated benefits



All Finance BLMK Staff Away Day

- Held in November. 100+ Finance colleagues from across the BLMK system attended
- Opportunity to connect
- Spent time thinking about opportunities to work together to improve our work experience, and the experience of our residents and service users
- Themes emerging from the day:
 - Connecting and creating working networks
 - Streamlining processes and removing duplication
 - ✓ Aligning and developing Training & Development



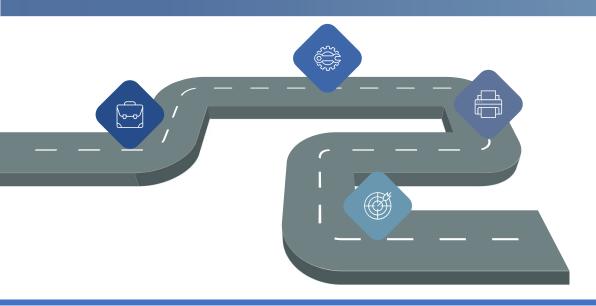
Building on the Away Day

- Using pre-existing CFO and Deputy CFO forums to drive agenda
- BLMK establishing networks for specific interest areas and specialisms
- BLMK Value Makers Forum
- Aligned professional study leave policies and training & development opportunities
- Building on FFF Finance Accreditation
- Student Forums
- We have created a system wide shared collaboration space / channel on MS Teams



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Prescribing Data Innovation



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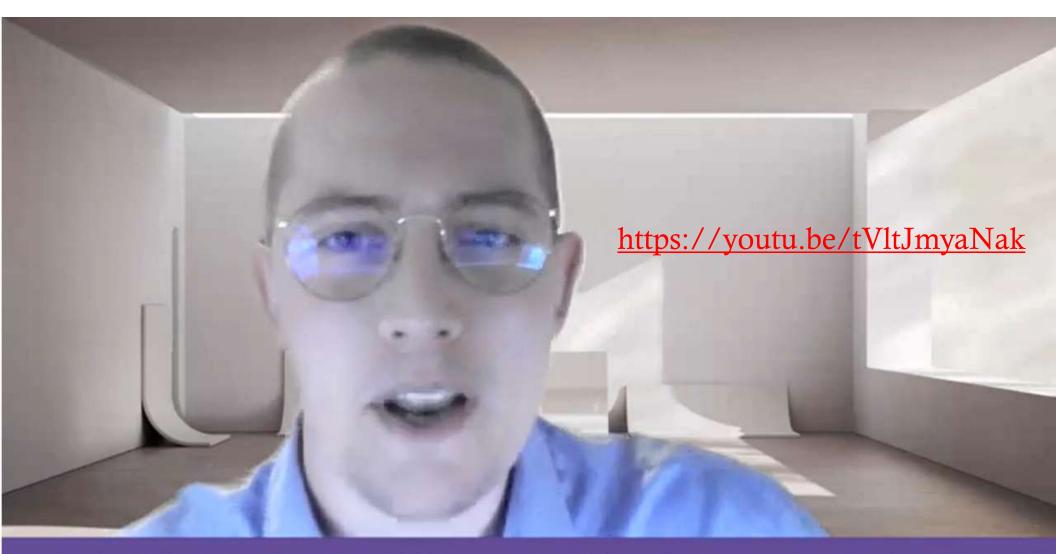
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LUKE BRANCH, MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT, NHS SUFFOLK AND NORTH EAST ESSEX ICB

Original Month End Accounting Processes: Processes to clean data Prepare Journals for actuals, accruals and forecast Run LARK Lookup against Contraceptives in **Process** adjustments for: PH Spend -Prescribing Spend Calculate HCD items (Cost/Items >£417) & -Recharges (FLU, FP10's and PH Spend) checked baseline & exemption lists -HCD Email HCD data to Medicine Management START - 20th of Month: -Resource Retained Centrally Team; they will spend time checking for items Data Released by Information -HOT already top-sliced as FP10's / PH Spend. Services Portal Reports to download: End est. 10th of Remaining Time for Transfer Data onto -PMD Summary (Excel & PDF) added Value work. following Month Practice Level Budget -PMD Detail (Excel & PDF) ie. Deep Dive Analysis, Report Template via -IPP Report (Excel & PDF) Budget Holder Updates, Lookups. -PrescQuipp Cat M Report Planning etc Email to Meds Teams. -HOT Report (Excel & PDF) -PH Spend Report @ BNF Section Code **Quarterly-** Prepare (4 Digits) Practice Level Prescribing Incentive Reports, having -FP10, FLU & Methotrexate Report @ to look up against BNF Chem Substance Code (9 Digits) Reports from the same Quarter PY for -Catalyst EPD for HCD Report (ePact Performance comparison. Consolidates Lines – makes HCD Exemption identification impossible)

Repeat for West Suffolk (07K)

Repeat for North East Essex (06T)

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Est 20th of

Month: Data

Released by

Information Services Portal Reports
Incentive Schemes
HCD Outliers
Accruals, Actuals & Forecast

Adjustment Further Analytic Reports

All Ready in 15 mins

Remaining Time for added Value work ie. Deep Dive Analysis, Budget Holder Updates, Planning etc

Reports to download:

-PMD Summary (PDF for Control Check)

-PMD Detail (PDF for Control Check)

-PrescQuipp Cat M Report

-IPP Report (PDF for Control Check)

-HOT Report (PDF for Control Check)

-Catalyst EPD for HCD Report (<u>ePact</u> Consolidates Lines – makes HCD Exemption identification impossible)

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⋄ Cake Portion Analogy:

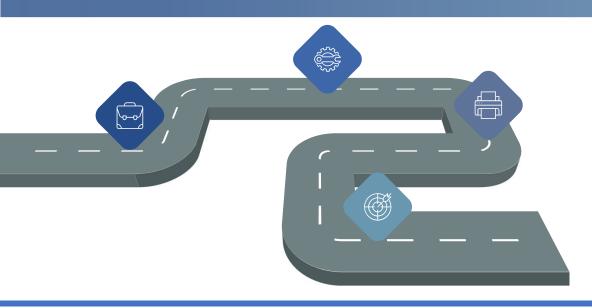
Downloading the Recharge & Top-slice Reports at different Levels of the BNF Hierarchy makes it impossible to see what is actually remaining.

By using PowerQuery, I am able to download and process the Report in one go and handle over 6 million rows of Data, allowing it to talk to 4 other data sets.

Not only are the Practice Level Budget Reports, Incentive Scheme and Month End Financial Process Automated, but I now have a hub that Meds teams can access to quickly compare Practice Performance.

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Innovation in Mid & South Essex

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Director of Resources
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NHSMid and South Essex

- ✓ Developed an ICB Model Health System training pack and delivered our first training session to the Pathway Development team.
- Enrolled our first ICB Model Health System Ambassadors.
- ✓ ICB costing staff completed the costing training programme developed by the MSEFT.
- ✓ Held our first System Costing Hub awayday.

- ✓ Taken our first steps into developing system pathway costing to support the Dermatology pathway redesign.
- ✓ Working with HFMA to write up our approach to system costing as a case study for others to share our experience and learning.
- ✓ First ICB in the country to establish a costing hub (as far as we are aware)



PowerBI



- MSE FT have successfully implemented the use of this powerful tool to aid senior Executives and Budget Holders to understand the financial position.
- Bespoke reports developed allowing users to interrogate data to understand the drivers behind the high level numbers.
- System wide working group to look at how this tool can be used to understand the Health landscape behind the numbers providing a better way of looking at information for clinicians in the future.
- ICB developing System Financial Reporting over the next 9 months.





Thank you

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C&P Efficiency Example

HFMA East Region Conference



Background



- > History of rising CHC costs, outstripping inflation
- ➤ Backlog of cases
- > Transactional/ contract relationships with Local Authority
- > Problems perpetuation with increases from Hospital Discharge Programme

Opportunity



- > Brought in clinical lead nurse with CHC background
- Focus on reviewing new cases and then a small dedicated team to focus on backlog case reviews
- > Established relationship and process for review/ challenge with Local Authorities
- ➤ Savings year to date = £7m (9% CHC costs)
- > Learning;
 - > Experts to challenge rather than project folk/ consultants
 - > Backfilled CCG staff to allow them to focus on backlog and prioritise CHC case reviews
 - > Relationship shift from contract team to contract team with LAs to clinical challenges and decision making





Purchase to Pay Project

Helen Royall - Head of Financial Management

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Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care System



Project Goal



Creating a sustainable process that will enable the Trust to pay its suppliers in a timely manner and achieve the national benchmark of 95% better payment practice code.

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Background



- October 2019 Trust moved financial systems from Integra to an Oracle Platform provided by Shared Business Services
- As part of this transition the following changes occurred:
 - All invoices scanned by SBS in Wakefield
 - New rules applied to supplier invoices to increase the number of automatic 3-way matches and prevent interventions (XX rule Budget Managers)
 - The Trust taking on the role of INVOICE QUERY MANAGER (IQM)
- Assuming all worked well, the end result would have been:
 - Minimal finance team intervention for invoice processing and payment
 - Reduction in the level of month end accruals and adjustment journals moving costs to the correct budget area

HOWEVER!

 Any of us that have worked in Finance will know – the theory is all great, to get to the end outcome takes a lot of work, people investment and time

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What Happened Next......



BPPC Paid period	Invoice count	Invoice count (Passed)	% Passed
OCT-19	274	231	84.31%
NOV-19	725	395	54.48%
DEC-19	666	354	53.15%
JAN-20	1,115	691	61.97%
FEB-20	1,594	1,130	70.89%
MAR-20	1,466	1,035	70.60%
Grand Total	5,840	3,836	65.70%

- The one thing that was supposed to improve Better Payment Practice Code (BPPC) % deteriorated
- End of the Financial Year the Trust closed with circa £17m payables Trust's potential financial obligations, which has a PDC implication of £600k
- With a year end CASH balance of £29.5m
- Turnover for the year was £117m

And then COVID-19 happened

Impact of COVID-19



There were 2 factors that had to be considered:

1. The Cabinet Office Procurement Policy Note PPN 02/20 – April 2020 was issued as part of COVID-19 measures

NHS England and Improvement issues the following instruction on the back of the PPN:

Prompt payment

The NHS is an important customer to many businesses, and it is vitally important we ensure that cash flows as promptly as possible during COVID-19. Therefore, with immediate effect all NHS organisations must aim to implement the following:

- payment of all invoices within 7 days of receipt of goods and service¹
- process part payments on the undisputed elements of all invoices currently on hold
- · ensure that all invoice queries are resolved within a further 7 days.

To ensure the changes to payment terms do not put unnecessary burden on government banking service and providers of financial services, we ask that all organisations:

- · maximise the use of BACS/RFT payment runs where possible
- process payments early in the banking day
- use standard business processes to transact payments rather than Urgent Manual RFT, Chaps or Faster payments.

2. The impact of COVID-19 on clinical staff meant that support areas had to take on more responsibilities free up clinical staff to focus ONLY on clinical activities

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Mitigating Actions:



The following actions were immediately introduced within the Finance Team:

- 1. All Apprentices, Support Accountants, Management Accountants and Finance Undergrads were made responsible for coding and maintaining the Accounts Payable system
- 2. All non-PO invoices were loaded into the generic Finance Team user: RY3TEAM, providing visibility to the whole team of what invoices were awaiting actioning
- 3. All members of the Finance Team, from DDoF down had the ability to code and clear invoices for approval
- 4. Daily rota was created:

Task	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Circulate morning stats and allocations*	Matt	Matt	Matt	Matt	Cameron
BPPC failures	Cameron	Joel	Aleiza	Cameron	Charley
Legal letter notifications	Cameron	Joel	Aleiza	Cameron	Charley
Top 10 approvers email			Matt		Matt

- 5. Daily meeting was held @ 4pm to review progress and discuss issues including the quantity of HELD invoices sitting with budget managers
- 6. The introduction of daily monitoring was introduced for PO's as shown on the following slide

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Outcomes:



- 1. Within 3 months the BPPC exceeded 95%
- 2. Clinical Staff were freed up from coding
- 3. The Trust was able to meet 7 days PP

D331 - BPPC Summary Analysis

BPPC Paid period	Invoice count	Invoice count (Passed)	% Passed	BPPC amount (£)	Invoice amount passed (£)	BPPC amount passed (%)
APR-20	1,505	1,255	83.39%	5,465,416.17	5,029,581.73	92.03%
MAY-20	1,335	1,199	89.81%	4,786,517.09	4,380,145.48	91.51%
JUN-20	1,593	1,364	85.62%	5,535,884.38	4,784,432.89	86.43%
JUL-20	1,430	1,367	95.59%	5,039,549.33	4,751,483.79	94.28%
AUG-20	1,378	1,263	91.65%	4,165,868.84	4,192,260.42	100.63%
SEP-20	1,295	1,240	95.75%	3,914,034.67	3,764,859.10	96.19%

Good morning,

Please see below the stats for the Non-PO report today.

The daily movements on the P2P System are:

	Previous	Today	Movement
Non-PO Invoices			55
Non-PO Invoices with SBS	16	10	-6
New Invoices received, now available to code	8	20	12
Outstanding Invoices from previous days, still available to code	0	0	0
Invoices pending BM Approval	99	83	-16
Invoices held by budget managers	211	203	-8
TOTAL NON-PO INVOICES	334	316	-18
PO Invoices	2 2		00
PO Invoices Client	216	213	-3
PO Invoices SBS	0	1	1
TOTAL PO INVOICES	216	214	-28

Invoices which were coded on the same day - 31/03/21

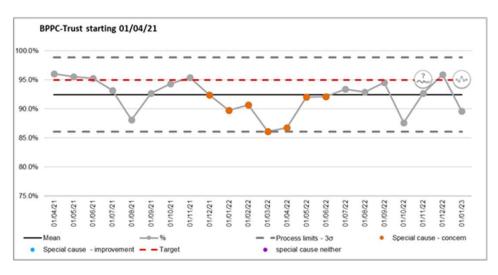
	Previous	Today	Movement
Invoices in RY3FTEAM's Queue			111
New Invoices received, now available to code	0	0	0
Invoices pending approval, escalated back to RY3FTEAM	52	39	-13

Sample daily report circulated by 9am

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Now to the Present





Learnings and Next Steps:

- 1. The Trust does not always consistently hit 95% BPPC however the performance over the past 2 years has improved and is now much more consistent, there are dips in performance around holidays. The finance team do try to remind budget holders to set vacation rules
- The Finance Team have learnt that once you take over a task, as in coding non-PO during the pandemic it is very hard to hand it back into operational areas, this remains an issue for the Team
- 3. The Team continue to review and code non-PO invoices daily and we have found this works well with shift patterns on clinical teams who then on weekends approve the invoices for payment
- 4. The daily report: Monday to Friday continues to go out to the Finance Team and the 4 pm meeting remains in place led by the Support Accountants
- To make another step change in the performance will be to move to NO-PO NO-PAY which is currently being investigated following the Procurement transition last year
- 6. This is definitely the correct direction of travel however as a Finance Team it is our responsibility to ensure suppliers and staff are paid within the NHSE/I guidance and therefore at some point I will be back to share the next mitigating process we have developed to improve BPPC and our budget managers





Thank You!



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"We have lots of innovation in the East of England, let's get better at sharing it"



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