

Synopsis

Providers of NHS services have increasingly large amounts of data about their patients following the roll-out of patient-level costing (PLICS) across the NHS. The challenge is how to make the most of patient-level cost data to deliver efficiencies and support improvements in patient care.

While a number of trusts use PLICS data to support improvement within individual specialties, it can be a challenge to use the intelligence generated by PLICS in an integrated way across the whole organisation. Presenting data in a relevant and accessible way is also key to engagement.

This case study describes how Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust have developed a tool to shine a light on the scale of the opportunities available right across the trust that could help to improve financial and operational sustainability.

The Alder Hey 'Cheeseboard' tool has provided the executive team with a common understanding of the key opportunities across the trust, and provided a focus at both board and specialty level. This has resulted in some early successes over the last year.

This case study explains the trust's approach, and highlights the progress that has been made in reducing the proportion of bed days attributable to inpatient stays lasting over 30 days.