



Introduction to Costing in the NHS

Double Tree Hilton, Manchester, 15 January 2020

This regional networking and training event has been designed specifically for those new to costing or those that will benefit from an overview of costing and its role in the NHS. The event will provide delegates with an introduction to costing, why we cost and will provide some insight into the costing process.

You will hear about the National Cost Collection and the importance of accurate costing information to the wider NHS. The day will conclude with a session looking at examples of how costing information can be used to help inform decision making and improve the delivery of care.

10:00 Registration

10:30 Chair's welcome and introductions

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Collecting, analysing and understanding the cost of NHS patient care is vitally important in making decisions about how to manage and deliver sustainable high-quality services. This session will introduce the key concepts of patient-level costing, including:

- What is costing
- Why costing is important
- Why we collect costing information
- The role of a costing practitioner

11:00 Transforming costing in the NHS

Jack Hardman, Costing Lead, NHS England and Improvement

Costing in the NHS has changed significantly over recent years. In this session you will hear about the evolution from reference costs to the Costing Transformation Programme, the implementation of patient-level costing and the variances between sectors.

11:30 Refreshments and networking

11:50 National Cost Collection

Donna Pannell, Costing Lead, NHS England and Improvement

In this session, Donna will provide a brief introduction to the healthcare costing standards for England, touching on information requirements, costing processes, costing methods and approaches. Donna will look at the tools used to help providers interrogate their data and demonstrate how data is reported and displayed.

12:30 Lunch and networking

13:00 **Interactive session**
Andrew Monahan, Policy and Research Manager, HFMA and former finance business partner, Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS FT

Delegates will be set a number of costing challenges to work through on their tables and asked to discuss their learnings from the day. You will be asked to feedback to the room some key actions that you will take back to your organisation.

13:30 **Troubleshooting common challenges**
NHS England and NHS Improvement Costing Team

In this session, representatives from the costing team will run through a number of 'frequently asked questions' and challenges about costing in the NHS. They will provide advice about navigating these challenges and signpost to available resources that can support your journey.

14:00 **Comfort break**

14:15 **Making the most of patient-level data**
Jaime Jenkinson and Alex Meghen, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust

Collection of accurate patient-level costing data is not just about the National Cost Collection. Organisations with PLICS can analyse and interpret their data locally to make important decisions about their services. This session will include details of how the organisation is using costing information to help improve to patient care.

15:00 **Chair's reflections and close**



This event aligns with the Institute themes Confident Costing and Translating Data