



Introduction to Costing in the NHS

Online, 16 September 2020

This online 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.

10:15 **Login and networking**

10:30 **Chair's welcome**
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10:35 **Introduction to costing in the NHS**
Hayley Ringrose, Former Chief Financial Analyst – Contracting and Costing, Stockport NHS FT
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

11:15 **Q&A**

11:30 **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 development of the costing standards, the National Cost Collection and the move to patient-level costing.

12:15 **Q&A**

12:30 **Lunch break**

13:15 **Making the most of patient-level data**
Sarah McQuarry, Finance Systems & Costing Accountant, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
Reporting accurate patient-level costing data into a national database isn't the only reason to cost using PLICS, and increasingly is not even the main reason. Organisations with PLICS are now starting to analyse and interpret their data locally to make important decisions about their services. This session will look at how organisations can use costing information to help make improvements to patient care.

13:45 **Q&A**

14:00 **Chair's reflections and close**
A look back at the learning from the day and the actions to take back to your organisation.

