Developed to help healthcare professionals get a better understanding of how the NHS is structured, funded and managed, this module provides a useful and informative overview of NHS Finance.

Who will benefit?
All healthcare professionals.

The syllabus

NHS background and purpose
- Setting the context
- Government spending on health
- Factors affecting demand for health services
- Health spending – how the UK compares

NHS organisations and structure
- The structure of the NHS
- Roles and responsibilities

How the NHS gets its funding
- How NHS financing works
- Spending reviews
- Funding levels
- The need for efficiency gains
- Who gets what revenue
- Allocations to CCGs
- How funding reaches healthcare providers
- How providers are paid for the patients they treat
- Capital allocations
- Access to capital financing

How the NHS spends the funding
- NHS ‘global-level’ spending
- Spending by programme
- Spending at the local level
- Financial duties
- The break even duty

How the NHS knows what it is spending
- How does an organisation work out how much each activity costs?
- How costing information is used – reference costs
- How costing information is used – programme budgeting

How the NHS looks after its funding
- The governance framework
- The role of the governing body
- The role of the accountable officer
- NHS Constitution
- Codes of Conduct and Accountability
- Annual accounts
- Internal audit

This module is relevant for the following Knowledge and Skills Framework dimensions:
Core 4 Service Improvement Level 1
Core 5 Quality Level 1
G5 Services and Project Management Level 1

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