Introduction to NHS Primary Care Finance

England

Introduction to NHS Primary Care Finance aims to provide non-finance professionals with a better understanding of how the primary care provided by GPs, opticians, dentists and pharmacists gets its funding.

Who will benefit?
Primary Care Clinicians, General Practice Staff, Operational Managers, Budget Holders, Business Managers, Non Executive Directors, Lay Members

The syllabus

The Primary Care System
- What is primary care?
- Who provides primary care?
- How primary care is funded
- How primary care fits into the NHS
- How much is spent on primary care?
- How much is spent on prescriptions?

Contracts and funding for general medical services
- What are general medical services (GMS)?
- The three contracts used
  - General Medical Services (GMS)
  - Primary Medical Services (PMS)
  - Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS)
- The three main funding streams
  - The global sum
  - Correction factor
  - Quality and outcomes framework
- What payments cover - types of service
  - Essential
  - Additional
  - Enhanced
- Other payments made to GPs
  - Directed and local enhanced services
  - Premises
  - Seniority
  - Locum cover
  - Other ad hoc payments

Contracts and funding for dental services
- What primary dental care covers
- How dental services are provided
- Contract types - General Dental Services (GDS) and Personal Dental Services (PDS)
- Future contracting arrangements

Contracts and funding for ophthalmic services
- What are ophthalmic services?
- Who provides ophthalmic services?
- What ophthalmic services does the NHS fund?
- Types of service – mandatory additional and enhanced
- Responsibility for funding

Contracts and funding for pharmacy services
- Tiers of service - essential, advanced and enhanced
- Electronic prescription service (EPS)
- Who is responsible for payments?

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- Core 4 Service Improvement Level 3
- G3 Procurement and Commissioning Level 3