



How NHS provider organisations are paid (England)

Developed for non-finance professionals seeking a better understanding of how NHS services are paid for, this module provides an overview of how the money flows around the NHS, how it is administered and used to pay for services delivered by healthcare providers.

Who will benefit?

Budget holders, business managers, clinicians, general practice staff and non-executive directors.

The syllabus

The context

- How the revenue funding is shared out
- How funding reaches healthcare providers
- The roles and responsibilities of NHS Improvement and NHS England
- The National Tariff Document

What is the payment mechanism?

- The first national payment mechanism
- The purpose of the payment mechanism
- Rewarding efficiency

How does the payment mechanism work?

- National currency, national price
- National currency, local price
- Local currency and price
- Paying for all other activity
- Building blocks

Defining healthcare activity

- The unit of healthcare
- Acute care
- Mental health
- Ambulance and transport services

Setting national prices

- Setting prices for acute care
- Costs submission
- Sources of data
- Calculating prices
- National adjustments
- Local modifications
- Local variations

A tool for change

- Influencing behaviour
- Readmissions to hospital
- Emergency activity
- Improving quality
- Payment linked to outcomes

What the future holds

- Pathway prices
- Episodic payments
- Capitated payments

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