

Mental health PLICS toolkit

Costing has a major role to play in supporting the delivery of sustainable services across the NHS. It should underpin decision-making, ensuring local decisions are informed by a clear understanding of current costs and the likely costs of new ways of working.

Good cost and activity data at the service user level can help health economies to understand variations in care between different service users, helping to optimise service delivery.

The implementation of patient-level information and costing systems (PLICS) is at an early stage in many mental health trusts. Those mental health trusts who have implemented PLICS are asking how can they turn their copious PLICS data into useful information.

The HFMA Healthcare Costing for Value Institute has developed a mental health PLICS toolkit to support trusts turn the data generated by PLICS into powerful intelligence. It is hoped that by sharing the toolkit examples with other staff within their organisation, trusts can sell the benefits of PLICS to those who are currently less well engaged.

As well as providing trusts with a printed version of the toolkit, we are also making available a set of PowerPoint slides of the charts, which can be found on our website. The slides are intended as a resource for staff to show to other parts of their organisation, and start a conversation about what analysis their own organisation would find useful.

We hope that trusts will find the PLICS toolkit for mental health services helps them start to explore how they can maximise the value of PLICS data within their organisation.

The full document is only available to members of the Healthcare Costing for Value Institute.

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