

Foreword

This guide gives an overview of the financial regime in the NHS, with particular emphasis on health and social care integration and areas in which the NHS differs from the rest of the public sector. Subjects covered include the structure of the NHS, how the funding flows between organisations, costing and the operation of the NHS tariff, efficiency programmes and measuring performance. In addition, it sweeps up various other ‘good things to know’, such as the system for charging overseas patients and the arrangements for ‘continuing healthcare’. *NHS Finance Explained* also describes how the financial regimes differ between England and the devolved nations. The explanations are set out in straightforward style, leavened by insights from people working in the system, and complemented by a glossary for handy reference.

NHS Finance Explained will provide understanding that is especially helpful for those in local government who are seeking to work successfully on the integration of health and social care. It will also act as an ideal primer or induction tool for anyone – whether in the NHS or elsewhere – who wants a practical overview of how finance works in the NHS.



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