



Children's Services Finance Advisory Network (CSFAN)

Non Subscriber Newsletter

Advisor Update

Welcome to the second CIPFA Children's Services Finance Advisory Network (CSFAN) Newsletter, specifically designed for authorities that don't subscribe to CSFAN. If you missed the first newsletter, you can find it in the [non-subscribers area](#) of the CSFAN website. Below are details of the events we have on offer over the coming months and other support options that you might find of value.

If you no longer wish to receive such updates from CSFAN, or indeed you wish to add other colleagues to these newsletter mailings, please do let me know by return of email.

FAN Scheduled Workshops

Reducing Demand and Securing Better Value in Social Care – 18 October London, 19 October Manchester

Adult social care and children's services now account for 70% of non-schools council spending. It is the area subject to the most demographic pressures and volatility of demand.

These workshops will look at making realistic assessments of the savings from reducing demand and securing better value from recent innovations across health and social care.

This event will draw on recent assessments of the benefits from these innovations, including those within the Vanguard Programme, sustainability and transformation plans; devolution areas; and ADASS, ADCS, CIPFA and LGA case studies.

This event, on 18 October in London, is aimed at adults' and children's health and social care commissioners, finance and performance staff and service managers.

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Events

Introduction to accounting for groups and collaborative arrangements

[6 November](#), London;
[8 November](#) Leeds

Introduction to Education Finance

[14 November](#), York; [7 December](#), London

Local Government Accounting Conferences

[15 November](#), Leeds;
[22 November](#), London

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Budgeting and Monitoring of Volatile High Risk Spending Areas – 8 November London, 9 November Manchester

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These workshops, aimed at adults and children's health and social care commissioners, finance and performance staff and service managers, will look at how to set realistic budgets in this context making use of annual zero based budgeting which facilitates very detailed activity and price monitoring.

They will also explore the use of benchmarking to set realistic performance targets while having adequate contingencies to cope with unexpected fluctuations in demand

These events will draw on case studies from CIPFA Network papers on good value from food practice within adult social care and children's services and a paper on good practice in budget setting and budget monitoring and management.

You can use CSFAN pre-paid places to attend this event or pay to attend at £295 + VAT per place.

Local Government Accounting Conferences – [15 November Leeds](#), [22 November London](#) – early bird offer extended to 6 October

The CIPFA Local Government Accounting Conferences are the key events to attend to find out the very latest developments on what are important and substantial changes to local government finance, particularly local government financial reporting.

Introduction to Education Finance – 14 November York, 7 December London

Designed to provide an introduction to those new to local authority education finance, this course is being held in York on 14 November and London on 7 December.

This course, which now features as part of our wider 'Essentials' support offering, can be viewed (and booked) on the website. All of these 'Introduction to' courses are designed to provide an introduction to those new to local authority accounting or new to specific technical

aspects of the work, or who would value a refresher in those areas.

Each of these training course is also offered as an on-site delivery option. Our typical consultancy rate for these events is £1,250 per day (exc. VAT) plus expenses. But should your authority subscribe, then this cost reduces to £950 per day plus VAT and expenses.

Should your authority subscribe to other CIPFA advisory services, then pre-paid places may also apply to designated training events affiliated to that network.

I do hope you found this newsletter useful. Please feel free to pass it to anyone else in your organisation who you think may find it useful or get in touch if you would like to add (or remove) anyone from the CSFAN non-subscriber circulation list.

Best wishes

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