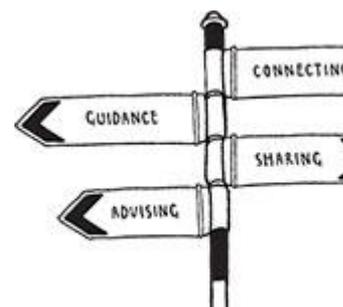


Children's Services Finance Advisory Network (CSFAN)

Non Subscriber Newsletter



Advisor Update

Happy New Year

Welcome to the CIPFA Children's Services Finance Advisory Network (CSFAN) Newsletter, specifically designed for authorities that don't subscribe to CSFAN. Previous editions can be found on the [CSFAN website](#).

If you would be **interested in subscribing to CSFAN for 2018/19**, the service plan giving details of scheduled events and subscription benefits is available on the [website](#).

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.

Workshops on new schools funding formula – we need your help please

We are looking at the possibility of running a workshop event to examine the new schools funding formula and would like to invite a LA officer to speak at the event(s).

We propose a 40-60 minute session from a LA to demonstrate how they have set up their new funding formula and the issues / questions they face i.e. restrictions on movements between the blocks, high needs pressures, MFG etc. We know from our conversations with LAs that there are still a lot of questions and varying practice around distribution, and so would like to share these with a wider audience to promote discussion.

The day itself would consist of the DfE delivering an opening session followed by two different LA's describing their formulas –both challenges and opportunities, as relevant.

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Events

Bending the Curve - drilling deeper to bend the curve of ever increasing demand and cost

7 February London, 8 February Manchester

[More details](#)

Accounts Closedown Workshops 2017/18 (NEW)

30 dates between 9 January and 21 February 2018

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Introduction to Public Procurement

30 January 2018 (Leeds)

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Introduction to Internal Audit
[11 January 2018 London](#)
[26 April 2018, Manchester](#)

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The timing of the events and locations are yet to be determined. The events will be workshop style with a maximum of 30 delegate in attendance. CIPFA will reimburse travel expenses of speakers and also offer a complementary place at a future workshop for CSFAN or FAN.

If you feel you could offer a speaker for this workshop please get in touch with me. Your support is much appreciated.

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There is no sign of the pressures in adults' social care and children's services abating. If anything the pressures are increasing with the overspend across adult and children's services likely to top £1bn in 2017/18 – an average of over £7m per council.

As pressures increase so will the upward curve of costs. What can be done to bend the curve? These workshops will drill a bit deeper, drawing on recent research.

Places can be booked by non-subscribers for £345. See events listing for details.

**Accounts Closedown 2017/18 – 30 dates
January/February 2018**

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. See events listing to book.

Best wishes

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