



Finance Current Awareness Bulletin

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The aim of this current awareness bulletin is to provide a digest of recent guidelines, reports, research and best practice. The scope of this bulletin includes the UK economy, finance, procurement, sustainability, and good working practices.

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[What was announced and what does it mean for health and care services?](#)

Critical to care: the role of community interest companies in health and care

Community interest companies (CICs) are a unique and adaptable partner to the NHS, playing an important role in the delivery of health and care services to local communities. This [briefing from the NHS Confederation](#) provides an overview of their role and contribution to health and care. It is based on research and interviews with a range of CIC leaders delivering community health, mental health and primary care services.

Green surgery: reducing the environmental impact of surgical care

In the UK, surgical care is responsible for about 5.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year – equivalent to the emissions produced by electricity, transport and waste of 700,000 UK homes. Reducing the emissions produced during surgery would be a significant step towards the NHS achieving its aim to be net zero by 2045. [This report from the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change](#) presents an account of how to reduce the environmental impact of surgical care while maintaining high-quality patient care and potentially saving the NHS money. It highlights a number of successful initiatives that have already been implemented.

Health and care finance tracker

Ahead of a general election where funding for the NHS and social care will be a crucial issue for our country, [the Nuffield Trust has launched a new finances tracker](#) which provides and explains the key numbers you need to understand. Funded by the Nuffield Foundation, it will form part of a set of publications and analysis to bring evidence to bear on this election. It will be expanded regularly with key numbers across spending on social care and every type of health care – and updated to analyse what politicians and governments promise. You can also [read how repeated spending increases on the NHS over past decade pushed above what governments planned and expected](#).

NHS fraud prevention hub

Fraud prevention information, guidance and resources including videos, animations, posters and fact sheets from [the NHS Counter Fraud Authority](#).



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NHS trust: why Whitehall's increasingly divided view on health and care matters

With Whitehall paymasters showing less faith in the organisations that hold the budgets for health and social care in England, [this long read from the Nuffield Trust](#) sets out five ways that such tensions behind the scenes can impact on the running of services.

Toughest test yet for trusts as winter and budgets bite

More strikes, staff burnout and relentlessly rising demand for care amid a severe funding squeeze could put paid to further progress in cutting delays for patients, warns this [blog from NHS Providers](#).

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Online Resources

- **BMJ Best Practice** is a clinical decision support tool that provides step-by-step guidance on diagnosis, prognosis, treatment and prevention of a wide variety of conditions: <https://bestpractice.bmj.com>
- **ClinicalKey** is a database which supports healthcare professionals by providing access to the latest evidence across specialties: <https://www.clinicalkey.com/>