Rewarding healthcare finance innovation and achievement

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Shaping healthcare finance
President’s introduction

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The NHS is facing a period of significant challenge and change. Finance professionals are playing a major role in ensuring that this is managed successfully by supporting and encouraging clinical colleagues to transform the way services are delivered, realising both efficiencies and improvements in clinical outcomes and patient experience.

It is important that this work is celebrated and the HFMA seeks to do so with its annual awards; showcasing the achievements of both teams and individuals who have really made a difference.

Now in its eighth year, HFMA’s awards programme recognises the contribution that the finance profession has made to healthcare in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The awards cover the fundamental aspects of the finance team role including the production of accounts, governance, training and development as well as the vital area of efficiency. Following its successful launch last year and given the importance of properly understanding the costs of healthcare, the Costing Award will continue this year as part of HFMA’s suite of awards.

The HFMA Awards are a fantastic opportunity for us to celebrate the best of good practice and innovation in the profession and their success relies on your involvement. I would therefore encourage you to pause and consider who you would want to see honoured at our annual conference later in the year. Most importantly please ensure that you make your nominations.

*Let’s make sure we have lots to celebrate in December!*

Sue Jacques, HFMA President
About the Awards

The aim of the awards is to recognise achievement and innovation in financial management and governance in the UK health service. Good financial management and strong governance provide the foundation for the delivery of high quality health services and the contribution of staff in these areas should not be overlooked.

Who are the Awards for?

The awards are open to all healthcare organisations and employees across the UK – both executives and non-executives. We are happy to receive entries from voluntary or private sector organisations whose principal activities are the provision of health services.

These awards are given to organisations, teams or individuals, who are judged to best meet the criteria set for individual awards. Full details of the criteria are available from the HFMA website.

What winners receive:

- A unique, specially commissioned award trophy
- An award certificate
- Invites to the HFMA’s annual Awards dinner in December, where the winners will be announced and the awards presented in front of 750 of their peers
- Coverage of their achievement in Healthcare Finance magazine and the special Awards supplement
- Recognition by peers of best practice across the UK healthcare industry

The Awards ceremony

All shortlisted entries will be invited to the HFMA’s annual awards dinner, held during the HFMA annual conference, where the winners will be revealed. The event will take place on the evening of Thursday 6 December 2012 at the London Hilton Metropole.

Key dates

Friday 28 September 2012 - Deadline for entries
End of October 2012 - Short listed organisations announced and, where applicable, invited to present their application to the panel of judges
Thursday 6 December 2012 – Winners announced at the HFMA’s annual awards dinner

The Award categories

Full details of each award category, including the entry requirements, nomination form and judging criteria can be found on the HFMA website at www.hfma.org.uk/awards
Accounts Team of the Year Award

This award recognises the most innovative and efficient accounts team, with significant emphasis on the processes involved in completing the final accounts.

The Judges
David Bacon, Chair, HFMA Accounting and Standards Committee
Janet Perry, NHS Chief Financial Controller, Department of Health
Emma Knowles, Head of Financial Management, Audit Commission
Suzanne Tracey, Director of Finance and Business Development, Royal Devon and Exeter NHS FT
Neil Thomas, Partner, KPMG

Costing Award

The Costing Award focuses on improvements in costing processes and costing information that have led to better information for organisations to use when making decisions about service delivery.

The Judges
John Graham, Director of Finance and Business Development, Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust
Sarah Butler, Deputy Director - NHS Finance, PbR Operations, Department of Health
David Allcock, Director of Finance, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (invited)
Anja Kern, Research Associate, Healthcare Management Group, Imperial College London
Helen Strain, HFMA Costing Lead
Working with Finance – Clinician* of the Year Award

This award acknowledges the importance of clinical engagement in financial management and in particular recognises a clinician who has taken financial responsibility for their services, led efficiency or improvement programmes or provided an example for other clinicians by engaging with the financial management agenda.

*By clinicians we mean doctors, nurses and all the various healthcare professionals who contribute to the commissioning or direct provision of healthcare, whether in primary or community care or the acute or mental health sectors.

The Judges
Tony Whitfield, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Salford Royal NHS FT
Andy McKeon, Managing Director of Health, Audit Commission
Susan Bews, Treasurer, Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
Mahmood Adil, National QIPP Advisor - Clinical and Financial Engagement, Department of Health

Efficiency Award

This award looks to showcase good practice in improving efficiency with a particular focus on the finance team’s role. It will also recognise projects that have tackled efficiency in an ongoing and sustainable manner.

The Judges
Keith Wood, Chair, HFMA Financial Management and Research Committee
Jim Easton, NHS National Director for Improvement and Efficiency, Department of Health
Andy McKeon, Managing Director of Health, Audit Commission
Rod Anthony, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement
Deputy Finance Director* of the Year Award

This award is for professional excellence in financial management. It recognises both the support given by a deputy to their finance director and an individual’s contribution to an organisation’s financial performance and towards the improvement in healthcare locally or nationally.

*By deputy finance director we mean any ‘second-in-line’ finance manager reporting directly to or deputising for the finance director.

The Judges
Sue Jacques, Chief Executive, County Durham and Darlington NHS FT
Janet Perry, NHS Chief Financial Controller, Department of Health
Chris Calkin, Chair, HFMA Policy Forum
Jane Tomkinson, Director of Finance, Capital, Estates and Informatics, NHS North West
Graham Moore, Chief Finance Officer, NHS Supply Chain

Finance Director* of the Year Award

This award is for professional excellence in financial management and leadership. It recognises an individual’s contribution to their organisation’s financial performance and towards the improvement in healthcare locally or nationally in any of the four UK nations. It also aims to highlight the finance director’s role in leading and developing the NHS finance function.

NHS boards or chief executives may make nominations. Nominations will also be considered from strategic health authorities, HFMA branches, industry regulators or other bodies working with the healthcare finance community in the UK.

*By finance director we mean anyone who is responsible for finance at board level. The person must be recognised as the finance leader, finance director or chief financial officer.

The Judges
Sue Jacques, Chief Executive, County Durham and Darlington NHS FT
David Flory, Deputy NHS Chief Executive, Department of Health
John Matheson, Director of Health Finance and Information, The Scottish Government
Paul Assinder, Director of Finance and Information, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS FT
Simon Dixon, Head of Health, Zurich

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Governance Award

This award is made to an individual, team or organisation that has introduced a change (big or small) to its assurance, risk management or governance arrangements so that the organisation as a whole is better able to achieve its objectives. The aim of the award is to highlight best practice in taking a strong, integrated approach to governance.

The Judges

Kevin Stringer, Chief Financial Officer, Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust
John Bullivant, Chairman, Good Governance Institute
Chris Hurst, HFMA Trustee and former Director of Finance, Health and Social Services, Welsh Assembly Government
Ian Turner, Director of Finance, HFMA and Non-Executive Director, Weston Area Health NHS Trust
Julia Rudrum, Assistant Director of Assurance, NHS Brighton and Hove (representing the ACCA)

Havelock Training Award

This award recognises a significant contribution made towards finance skills development. It recognises best practice in the training and development of finance staff or the raising of financial awareness and skills within the wider non-financial workforce. The award was established in 1999 to commemorate the significant contribution Jon Havelock made to NHS finance staff development.

The Judges

Letsie Tilley, former Finance Director and current chair of the Department of Health Mental Health PbR Group
Mark Knight, Chief Executive, HFMA
Kieran Walshe, Professor of Health Policy and Management, Manchester Business School (invited)
Ros Franké, Director of Finance / Deputy Chief Executive, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS FT
David Rowsby, Head of UK CIMA
Judging
The judges will carry out an initial assessment of each entry and draw up shortlists for each award. The judges will select a winning organisation, which in their view is the best entrant. For some of the awards, shortlisted organisations may be requested to present their application at an interview with the judging panel.

Paul Assinder, former HFMA Chair and Director of Finance and Information at the Dudley Group NHS FT has been appointed as the independent Chair of the Judging Panels by the HFMA Board. His role is to oversee the whole process including the selection of the judges, the design of the programme and the validation of all decisions. Paul also deals with any issues or comments received from participants about the process. Any decision made by him is final.

Entries
All entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 28 September 2012
To enter, complete a nomination form with supporting appendices and send to awards@hfma.org.uk. Nomination forms are available from www.hfma.org.uk/awards. All entries will be acknowledged.

For all queries regarding the awards, contact Ben Renshaw at ben.renshaw@hfma.org.uk or call 0117 938 8997. Additional copies of this brochure and full details of all the awards – including nomination forms, entry requirements and judging criteria – are available from the HFMA website at www.hfma.org.uk/awards

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