

PLICS

Patient Level Information Costing System

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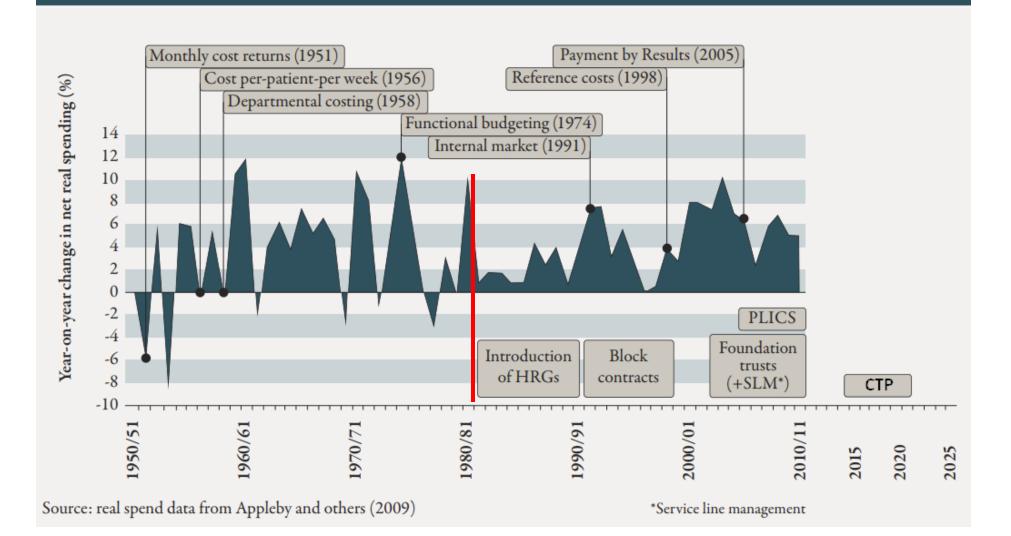
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History of Costing in NHS



Figure 1: Year-on-year change in UK NHS net real spending 1950–2011, annotated with major costing reforms and trends



What isn't PLICS?



- not averages

 that was reference costs
- not a restatement of:
 - budget statements
 - the standard accounts (PFR)

In fact, it is...
not even P!

Episodes and Attendances... and activities "EAALICS"

What is PLICS?



Patient-Level	It's at Episode and Attendance Level Why Patient-Level? No such thing as an average patient
Information	It uses Activity Data (discuss later)
Costing	Financial Modelling Financial Ledger → Resources → Activities (next)
System	PLICS involves such complex data and logic that we need a dedicated system to process it
	We also follow a system of rules set by NHSE Consistent methods across trusts

PLICS Costing Overview



Accounts

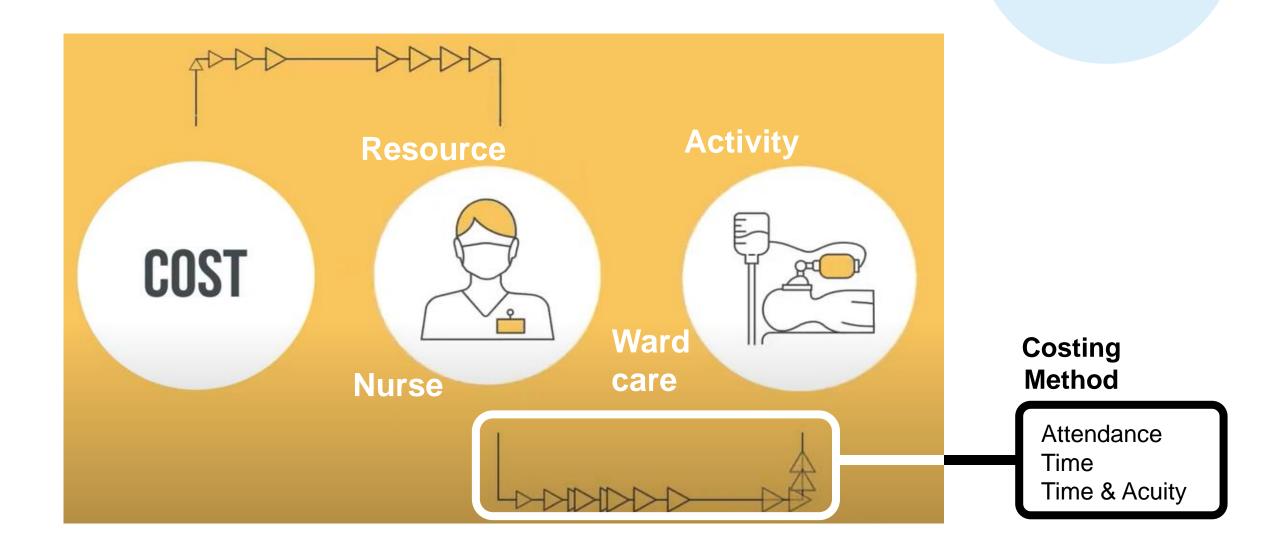
	2022/23 £000
Income from sale of goods and services	(1,631,684)
Other operating income	(13,653)
Total operating income	(1,645,337)
Staff costs	1,536,464
Purchase of goods and services	157,252,961
Depreciation and impairment charges	206,029
Provision expense	30,693
Other operating expenditure	159,194
Total operating expenditure	159,185,341
Net operating expenditure	157,540,004
Finance expense	5,046
Net expenditure for the year	157,545,050
Other (gains)/losses	425
Net (gain)/loss on Transfer by Absorption	(324,602)
Total net expenditure for the year	157,220,873
Other comprehensive net expenditure	
Items which will not be reclassified to net operating costs	
Net (gain)/loss on revaluation of Financial Assets 173	(270)
Actuarial (gain)/loss in pension schemes	-
Movements in General Fund	-
Total other comprehensive net expenditure	(270)
Comprehensive net expenditure for the year	157,220,603





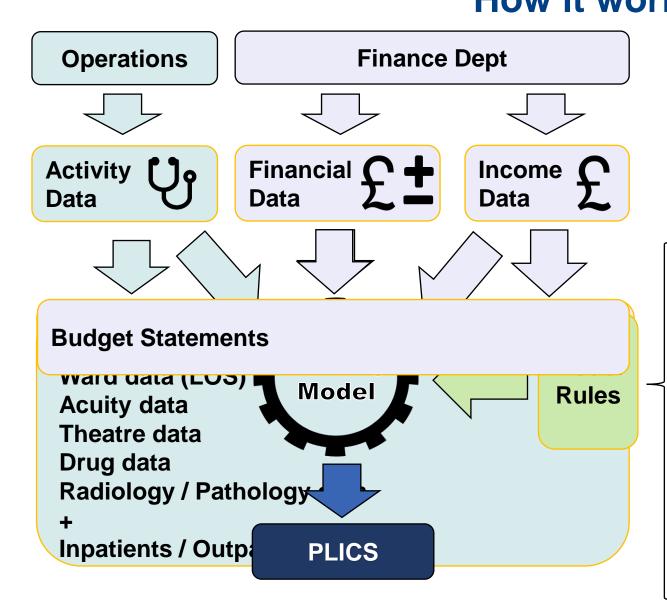
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PLICS Costing How it works





Services

Clinicians Managers

Finance Dept

Finance Managers

Other

Trust requirements ICS requirements

NHSI Rules

PLICS Costing How it works



OP OP Pre-Op **First**

Path **Test**

Path Test

Ward 14

Theatres

Ward 14

Drugs

Drugs

OP F-Up

Path Test

Drugs

Outpatient

Inpatient Episode

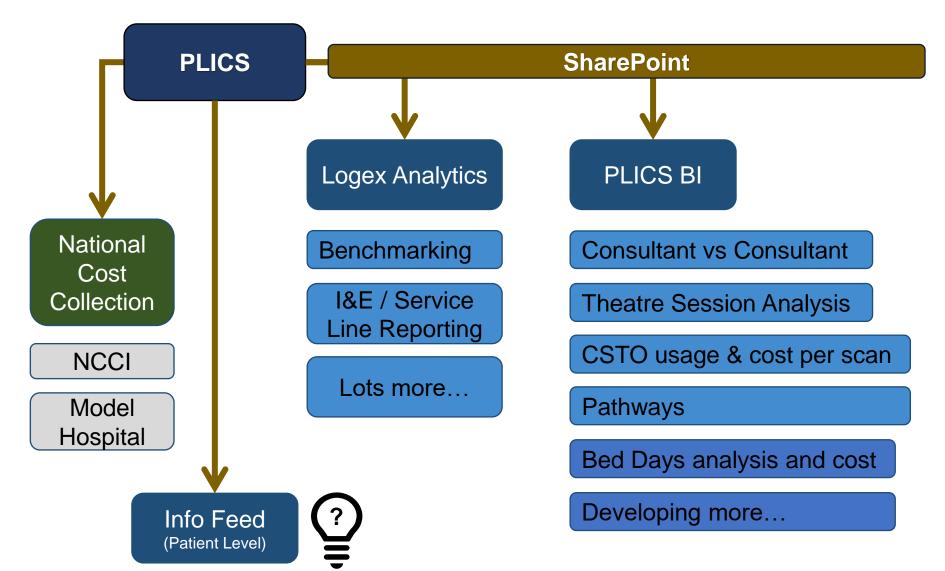
Outpatient

Support Services – e.g. Portering / Sterile Services

Fixed – e.g. Building / Utilities / House Keeping / Corporate Services

PLICS Costing Outputs





Benefits



<u>Internal</u>

Transparency of income and costs

Service Line Reporting

Supports business cases

Supports WAVE program

Supports Pathway analysis

Internal / External

Identifies clinical variation

Benchmarking

External

NCCI Index

Inform tariff setting

Model Hospital

PLICS Dashboard

Trust and finance objectives



TRUST

1 - Provide outstanding care in the best place at the right time

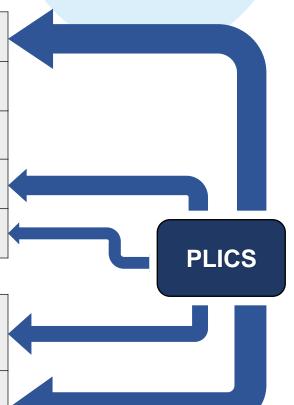
- 2 Empower and support our people to be the best they can be
- 3 Improve health and wellbeing within our communities
- 4 Continuously learn and improve
- 5 Work collaboratively with partners in the community

FINANCE esourcing Ou Future

1 - Our clinical and support teams will have the right resources to enable them to provide an outstanding service

2 - We will have informed leaders, acting with responsible freedom to deliver our collective responsibilities

3 - We will exhibit demonstrable value in the work that we do



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