

SINGLE CORPORATE SERVICES

FINANCE

Job title:	Finance Assistant	To be completed by
Reporting to:	Head of Finance - Management Accounts	HR
Accountable to:	Associate Director of Financial Services & Reporting	
Pay Band:	2	Job Reference
		Number

As part of the Single Corporate Service, the role provides a service across both Isle of Wight NHS Trust and Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust

As the single corporate service will be delivered across both organisations, individuals may be required to undertake business travel between sites. The frequency and arrangements will be discussed on an individual basis and the staff mobility local agreement will apply.

Job purpose

To provide a financial administrative service to support the smooth and efficient running of the busy Financial Management teams within the Finance Department and to be part of a multidisciplinary team delivering a high-quality service to both Trusts.

To provide accounting support and scrutiny through the monthly reconciliation of control accounts and posting of ledger interfaces.

To support the Finance team in the accurate and timely production of financial management information for internal use throughout both Trusts.

Contribute to the production of both Trust's Annual Accounts.

Job summary

- Using standard operating procedures but with the Management Accountant available for reference:
- Using the financial computer systems:
 - 1. Input payroll/budget journals in line with Month End Closedown timetables
 - 2. Make regular accruals and adjustments
 - 3. Complete internal recharges
- Deal with queries and error corrections.
- Use Excel to perform straightforward analyses of financial information.
- Open and distribute the finance department's mail.
- Distribute the nominal roll and taking appropriate action on return of verification forms.
- Administer the RTA and NHSP databases.
- In all cases plan work to ensure that tasks are completed to departmental deadlines.
- Undertake any other ad hoc duties as required.



Organisational Chart

The Finance Assistant reports directly to the Head of Finance - Management Accounts but will be accountable to both Finance Directors as part of the single corporate service. The postholder will be an integral part of the Finance team and will be expected to service the Financial Services needs of both organisations. This will require matrix working that potentially cross organisations as part of a single corporate function.



Key Responsibilities

Communication and Working Relationships

• The post holder will be providing and receiving routine information orally to assist in undertaking own job. Communication is mainly with work colleagues.

Analytical and Judgement

• Judgements involving straightforward job-related facts or situations.

Planning and organising

• Planning and organisation of straightforward tasks, activities, or programmes, some of which may be ongoing.

Physical Skills

• The post requires physical skills which are normally obtained through practice over a period of time or during practical training e.g., standard driving or keyboard skills, use of some tools and types of equipment.

Patient Client Care

• Not Applicable to this post

Policy and Service Development

• The post holder follows policies in own role which are determined by others; no responsibility for service development, but may be required to comment on policies, procedures, or possible developments.



Financial Management

• The post holder will observe a personal duty of care in relation to equipment and resources used in the course of their work.

Management/Leadership

• The post holder provides advice or demonstrates own activities or workplace routines to new or less experienced employees in own work area.

Information Resources

• The post holder will be responsible for data entry, text processing or storage of data compiled by others, utilising paper, or computer-based data entry systems,

Research and development

• Not Applicable for this postholder

Freedom to Act

 The post holder is guided by standard operating procedures (SOPs), good practice, established precedents and understands what results or standards are to be achieved.
 Someone is generally available for reference and work may be checked on a sample/random basis.

Physical effort

• A combination of sitting, standing, and walking with little requirement for physical effort. There may be a requirement to exert light physical effort for short periods.

Mental effort

• General awareness and sensory attention; normal care and attention; an occasional requirement for concentration where the work pattern is predictable with few competing demands for attention.

Emotional Effort

• Exposure to distressing or emotional circumstances is rare, or occasional indirect exposure to distressing or emotional circumstances.

Working conditions

• Exposure to unpleasant working conditions or hazards is rare.



Person Specification

Criteria	Essential	Desirable	How criteria will be assessed
Qualifications	 Educated to GCSE level (or equivalent) 	 IT qualification, preferably in the use of Microsoft Office and Oracle (or equivalent software) 	Application
Experience	• Experience of working in a busy office environment.		Application and interview
Knowledge	 Good working knowledge of MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Outlook Excellent organisational skills. Being flexible and adaptable at work in order to meet competing priorities. Ability to deliver objectives to tight deadlines. Managing sensitive issues in confidence. 	Overall understanding of the NHS.	Application and interview

Compliance statement to expected organisational standards.

To comply with all Trust Policies and Procedure, with particular regard to

- Risk Management
- Health and Safety
- Confidentiality
- Data Quality
- Freedom of Information
- Equality Diversity and Inclusion
- Promoting Dignity at Work by raising concerns about bullying and harassment
- Information and Security Management and Information Governance
- Counter Fraud and Bribery

The Trust has designated the prevention and control of healthcare associated infection (HCAI) as a core patient safety issue. As part of the duty of care to patients, all staff are expected to:

• Understand duty to adhere to policies and protocols applicable to infection prevention and control.



- Comply with key clinical care policies and protocols for prevention and control of infection at all times; this includes compliance with Trust policies for hand hygiene, standards (universal) infection precautions and safe handling and disposal of sharps.
- All staff should be aware of the Trust's Infection Control policies and other key clinical policies relevant to their work and how to access them.
- All staff will be expected to attend prevention and infection control training, teaching and updates (induction and mandatory teacher) as appropriate for their area of work, and be able to provide evidence of this at appraisal.
- To perform your duties to the highest standard with particular regard to effective and efficient use of resources, maintaining quality and contributing to improvements.
- Ensure you work towards the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) requirements of this post. KSF is a competency framework that describes the knowledge and skills necessary for the post in order to deliver a quality service.
- Your behaviour will demonstrate the values and vision of the Trust by showing you care for others, that you act professionally as part of a team and that you will continually seek to innovate and improve. Our vision, values and behaviours have been designed to ensure that everyone is clear about expected behaviours and desired ways of working in addition to the professional and clinical requirements of their roles.
- Ensure you adhere to and work within local and national safeguarding children legislation and policies including the Children Act 1989 & 2004, Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013, 4LSCB guidance and the Trust+ Safeguarding Policy.
- Ensure you adhere to and work within the local Multiagency safeguarding vulnerable adults' policies and procedures.
- Ensure that you comply with the Mental Capacity Act and its Code of Practice when working with adults who may be unable to make decisions for themselves.
- Ensure that you maintain personal and professional development to meet the changing demands of the job, participate in appropriate training activities and encourage and support staff development and training.
- Respect the confidentiality of all matters that they may learn relating to their employment and other members of staff. All staff are expected to respect conform to the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998, including the responsibility to ensure that personal data is accurate and kept up to date.
- If your employment is to a post that requires you to be registered with a professional body, the continuation of your employment is conditional upon you continuing to be registered with the appropriate professional body. The Trust will require evidence of current registration.
- Proactively, meaningfully and consistently demonstrate the Trust Values in your everyday practice, decision making and interactions with patients and colleagues.
- Perform any other duties that may be required from time to time.

This job description may be altered, from time to time, to meet changing needs of the service, and will be reviewed in consultation with the post holder.