### NHS in Scotland 2013/14

## Overview of financial management in the NHS in Scotland





The Scottish Government allocates most of the health budget to NHS boards and monitors how much they are spending throughout the year.

#### **Health and Wellbeing Portfolio**

Budget of £12 billion in 2013/14 of which

NHS boards £11.1 billion

### How budgets change each year

Boards can receive additional allocations in-year including:

- brokerage (advance on future years' funding)
- return of prior year surplus
- programme-specific funding
- new initiatives funding.

### NHS boards produce local delivery plans (LDPs)

These include:

- financial and performance targets
- a financial plan, including savings
- a performance plan
- an improvement and co-production plan.

Signed off by Scottish Government

# Boards must not breach the following financial limits:

- Revenue Resource Limit (revenue budget)
- Capital Resource Limit (capital budget).

#### Performance management

Performance against LDPs is monitored throughout the year using:

Financial Performance Returns

These detail:

- progress against targets (including savings targets)
- financial performance to date
- forecast final expenditure.
- Formal mid-year and annual reviews

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Financial year-end

NHS boards produce annual accounts

Source: Audit Scotland