

A blue-tinted photograph of three business professionals in an office setting. A woman in the foreground is pointing at a laptop screen displaying various charts and graphs. A man stands behind her, looking at the screen. Another person is partially visible in the background. A large blue diagonal shape is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Horizon

Integrated Planning, Budgeting and Forecasting for the NHS

Shared vision. **Better Together.**



Shared Business Services

**Horizon from NHS Shared Business Services is a cloud-based, integrated financial intelligence tool that enables NHS organisations to create robust plans, budgets and forecasts to meet regulator requirements and run their organisations more efficiently and effectively.**

Horizon is designed by the NHS for the NHS, to provide visibility and control throughout the end-to-end financial planning process.



## Horizon is:



**Accessible** – as a cloud-based system, your Horizon data and analytics are available on desktop or laptop, whenever and wherever you're online, empowering stakeholder meetings anywhere.



**Accurate** – integrated with Oracle, data input is automated, eliminating human error and the risks associated with combining multiple spreadsheets. So accuracy of, and confidence in, the numbers increases, and organisational and financial resilience is improved.



**Detailed** – with built-in top down and bottom up in-depth planning for current and subsequent year, and summary level top down planning for years 3-5, driving long-term plans and deep-dive views as needed.



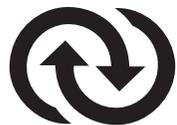
**Compliant** – a fully version-controlled audit trail informs any necessary data investigations and demonstrates robust change control processes and organisational financial rigour.



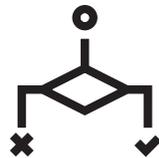
**Insightful** – instant, real time views on some analytics and quick reporting outputs on others save staff time and simplify the delivery of plans to the regulator. Horizon is compatible with dynamic reporting in MS Office applications too, so no more data lifting and shifting to populate reports you run regularly.



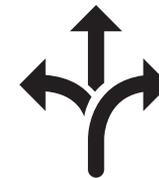
**Familiar** – Horizon's interface looks and feels like Excel so it's quick and easy for teams to learn to use the system and be comfortable working with it.



**Seamless** – Horizon's rolling budget capability ensures a smooth transition from year to year, giving confidence in financial comparisons and forecasts based on prior years.



**Powerful** – the scenario planning and modelling functionality enables risk-free decision impact analysis and 'what-if' scenario consideration.



**Flexible** – can be implemented at any point in the financial cycle, so there's no need to change systems in the middle of a busy year-end, and user experience can be gained at non-peak periods.

## Why NHS SBS Finance and Accounting

We are the trusted Finance & Accounting partner to the NHS, using continually evolving technology, products and services to add real and increasing value to the NHS.

### Why NHS SBS

Set up by the Department of Health & Social Care as the national provider of back office services, NHS Shared Business Services delivers leading-edge finance and accounting, procurement and employment services solutions to the rest of the NHS family. We work with 100% of commissioners and around 40% of providers, managing billions of pounds of NHS money, processing millions of transactions, and paying hundreds of thousands of NHS employees. This scale and scope means we have unparalleled specialist expertise and can deliver up to 30% cost saving compared with in-house service management.

We invest continually in corporate services on behalf of our clients to provide them with faster and more accurate ways of working, enabling their organisations to save time and money, so they can focus on the delivery of world-class patient care.

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To find out how **Horizon** can support your organisation's financial planning strategy, please contact us on:

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