

GHFT Finance Team



Our Journey to Outstanding: Count Me In!

Background

NHS Improvement has recognised the positive progress being made by the Trust in managing its finances and improving its financial governance. As a result the Trust came out of financial special measures in November 2018.

There is still more to do on our **Journey to Outstanding**. One of our missions in the finance team is to raise awareness of NHS finance by explaining how everyone can contribute to the overall financial health of our Trust.

Aims

Our aim is to better engage with staff across the organisation about NHS finance and explain how everyone can help contribute.

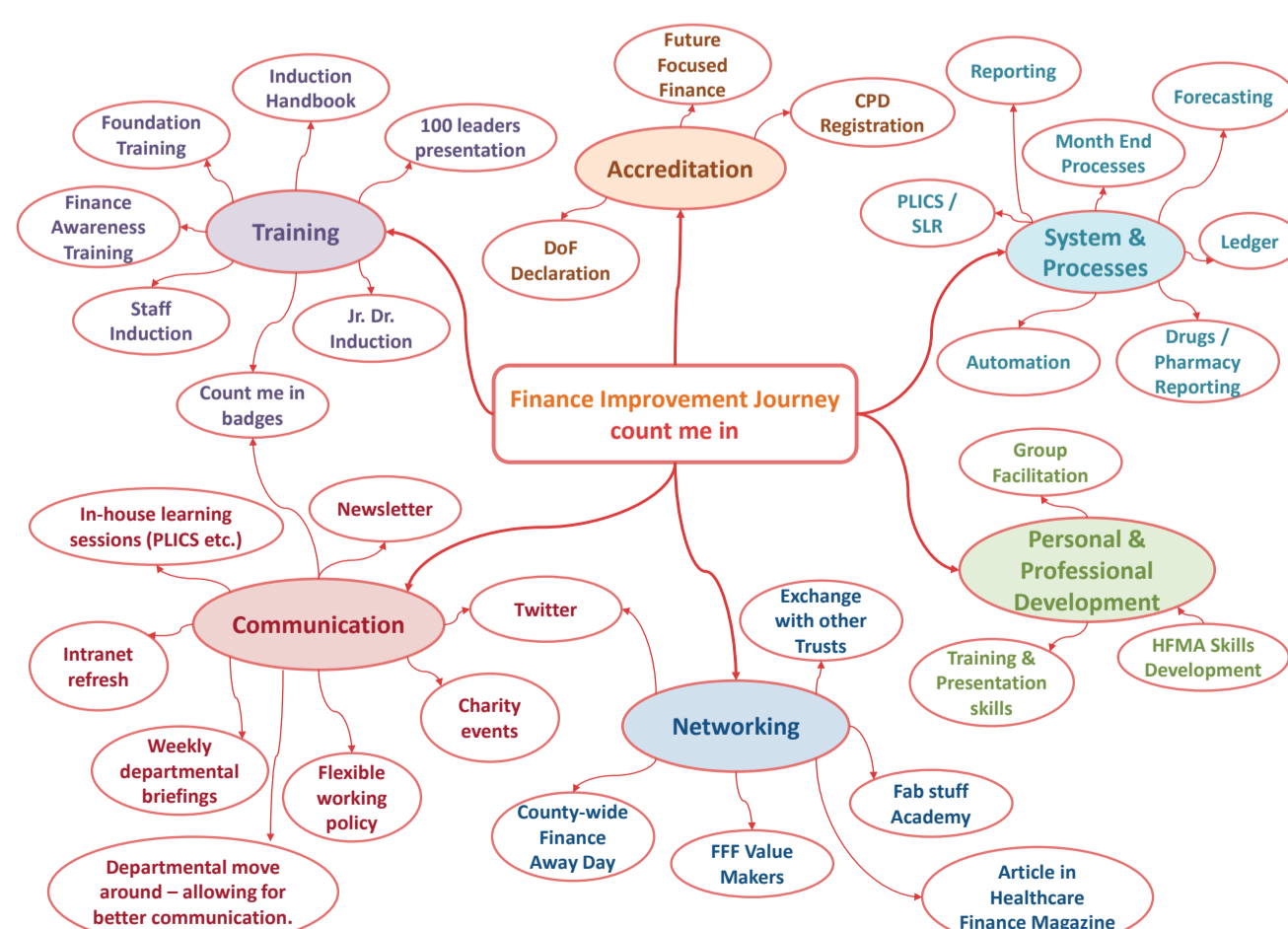
To achieve this we created a campaign called **Count Me In**. We use this at Trust events, key meetings and regularly on our Twitter account **#GHFTCountMeIn**.

This messaging is about helping staff to gain a better understanding of NHS finances and how we can best use our resources to provide high quality, efficient and sustainable care for our patients.



To become an **outstanding finance function** our finance improvement journey is focussed on these key areas:

- ✓ Accreditation
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Communication & Networking
- ✓ Systems & Processes
- ✓ Personal & Professional Development



How we use our **finances** plus how we deliver on **quality** and **performance** are all equally as vital in order to deliver **Best Care for Everyone**.

We are currently working through the **Future Focused Finance** accreditation:



reflecting on what we are doing well, what we can share, and where we can improve and learn from others. We are aiming for the highest level of accreditation. This process will help towards our goal of becoming an **outstanding finance function**.



We have developed and delivered successful financial awareness training for all Trust staff. As of July 2019, **92%** of our attendees said that their understanding of NHS finances has improved. We are also taking bookings for training specifically for budget holders.

We are proud of the work we have started, and there is much more to achieve in the next year!

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