Finance Decision Support

SMART and Flexible Solutions

Arden&GEM

Supporting your journey to accountable care

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As organisations and sectors look to innovate, transform or grow, the need to make decisions based on robust analysis and insight has never been greater.

As part of our Finance Services team, our highly skilled Finance Business Partners and Analysts, evaluate key business drivers that empower your senior management to make the best decisions through strong, value adding and strategic financial thinking. Our service delivers an impartial analysis that challenges and validates assumptions, as well as delivering 'what if' scenario planning to explore the consequences of different decision alternatives.

Finance Decision Support Team

Arden & GEM's finance decision support team works seamlessly with our Business Intelligence and Transformation experts to assist your operational, commercial and strategic functions in the delivery of your organisational goals.

The team is experienced in providing decision support services across a range of organisations and markets within the health, social and community sectors.

As a provider of national 'big data' solutions, our team can effectively access a range of information assets including basic data sources, cubes and data warehouses. Our experience of working with multiple datasets delivers the capability to rapidly access and explore the data required for the evaluation of strategic options.

Our unique approach to decision support combines the **Best Possible Value (BPV)** tool with an **Earned Value Management (EVM)** approach. The BPV decision framework was developed by the Health Finance Managers Association (HFMA) and global management consulting firm Bain & Company. This methodology provides a tried and tested approach that enables organisations to make the right decisions for any operational challenge. Overlaying the EVM approach then enables a systematic process to objectively measure performance and progress and allow any corrective action to be taken early within the programme life cycle.

Our team becomes a strategic business partner with the ability to unlock value from a range of decisions, and ensure that those decisions deliver the results required to meet your objectives.

Our services incorporate:

• Budgeting, forecasting and analysis at a range of operational levels
• Deep dive analysis of cost/activity/performance trends
• Margin, profitability and variance analysis
• Business case development and analysis
• Expenditure and capital investment decision support
• Resource optimisation analysis
• Support for long term strategic decisions
• 'What if'' and sensitivity analysis
• System design
• Finance support for mergers and de-mergers including due diligence and integration / separation.

No matter what the size or scope of your requirements, our flexible solutions can be tailored to meet your individual needs. Our multi-disciplinary team provides deep financial management knowledge to help you successfully navigate the complex challenges facing your organisation.

Our experience:

With challenging financial objectives facing Mansfield and Ashfield, and Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), the senior team needed a current analysis of cost control options and QIPP opportunities to inform robust decision making. Our decision support team undertook an initial financial analysis to investigate cost drivers, demand pressures and identify trends. The output was then used to facilitate a series of deep dive workshops in the three main pressure areas of prescribing, Continuing Healthcare and acute care.

As a result, the CCGs now have a greater understanding of what is driving high cost increases and activity trends, a robust framework for cost containment and recommendations for achieving both budget and QIPP levels.

Why Arden & GEM

Arden & GEM is a highly successful and innovative multi-disciplinary organisation, with over 1,000 team members spanning a large geography.

Our fully trained and qualified finance team brings unrivalled knowledge and experience gained from across the public and private sectors. Our Best Possible Vale (BPV) and Earned Value Management (EVM) specialists are already delivering finance decision support that is helping a range of organisations to achieve their strategic goals.

Whatever your organisational objectives, we would welcome the opportunity to support you in achieving your goals.

BEST POSSIBLE VALUE

Benefits:

• Reduce the risks associated with significant change by analysing all available information to deliver evidence based decision making.

• Apply insights to drive organisational outcomes that are fully aligned with your financial goals.

• Access impartial decision support services that provide genuine testing of decisions and objective options appraisal of the best way to achieve your goals.

• Utilise our strong financial acumen and flexible capacity to deliver cost effective investment in decision support - without the ongoing overheads of employed staff.

For details about our full range of services, please contact us:

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