



## NHS FINANCE CAREER STORY: TANYA ROGERS, SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER, NHS ENGLAND

I have worked for the NHS for 12 years, in various roles both in Trusts and commissioning, following a varied career working in the Private Sector, Local Authority and Corporate Banking.

When I was in school I didn't have a clear idea of what I wanted to do, but was given some great advice which set me off in the right direction being...*'if you can combine what you enjoy and are a good at into a career, it will be enjoyable and won't feel like "work"*. With that in mind I combined my Maths and Business Studies with my passion for helping and talking to people, which led me initially into high paced world of Corporate Banking which I loved. But with the onset of the Financial crash of 2008, I decided to hedge my bets for job stability and began studying towards an accountancy qualification rather furthering my banking ones, which widen my career opportunities.

After several roles in the Private Sector working for a large Conglomerate as well as Local Authority, I realised my need for helping people could be better fulfilled by working in the NHS and after applying for a couple of roles, I got a Management Accountant role in the local NHS Trust to me.

Fast forward to current day and a few promotions along the way, my current role is as a Senior Finance Manager in [Specialised Commissioning](#) for London. During the pandemic I took up the opportunity to branch out, fulfilling several operational and project roles, to support in the NHS's Covid Response, which gave me fantastic opportunities to diversify my experience, shape patient care and make a difference, which is the main reason I work in the NHS.

Some of the more unusual things that I've experienced through my time in the NHS has been standing next to a surgeon through surgery, seeing the workings of an Orthotics Lab and the 3D printing technology being used, been on large scale construction sites, meeting Princess Beatrice, joining an Ambulance crew for a shift, working in London's Incident Control room during the height of Covid, problem solving about how to remove a hospital fence in the middle of the night and presenting to 200 community nurses about how NHS funding works.... I think I can honestly say it's been very interesting and varied and it certainly not just about the numbers!

I am happy to be contacted by email/ LinkedIn, if anyone would like to know more about NHS finances, NHS England, the various types of organisations, Specialised Commissioning or more about some of my roles or if they would like support on future job applications.

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