

## **TINA LITTLER**

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#### **ABOUT**

My name is Tina Littler, and I'm currently a Financial Planning Accountant at Warrington and Halton Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. I've worked in NHS finance for over two decades, and my journey has taken me through a variety of roles across NHS organisations and local government, each one shaping my perspective and strengthening my commitment to public service.

#### **CAREER JOURNEY**

I have worked in NHS finance for nearly 25 years but prior to this didn't plan to work in either the NHS or Finance.

My degree is in Business Studies, it was a 4 year degree including a 1 year industrial placement. I enjoyed the finance related modules and my year in industry was working in Finance at a food manufacturer.

After graduation I continued my finance career in the private sector as a Sales Ledger Clerk at Maclean & Nuttall Ltd. in 1999, but it wasn't long before I found my calling in the NHS. My first NHS role was as a Management Accounting Assistant at South Lancashire Health Authority, and from there, I progressed steadily through increasingly senior roles.

I didn't set out with a detailed plan to work in NHS finance, but I was drawn to the sector by the opportunity to use my skills in a way that supports patient care and public wellbeing. The NHS offered a sense of purpose that I hadn't experienced elsewhere, and that's what kept me motivated through the years.

My career has spanned a wide range of roles, including:

- Assistant Management Accountant and Deputy Management Accountant at St. Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, where I supported Acute budgets.
- Directorate Accountant at Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where I led financial reporting and budget setting for two specialist hospitals.
- Assistant Director of Finance at NHS Trafford and Trafford Council, where I worked across commissioning, public health, and adult services, offering strategic financial advice and leading on value-for-money initiatives.

- Business Accountant at NHS Manchester CCG, where I managed half of the Commissioning Finance team and was involved in financial negotiations with major providers like Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.
- Divisional Finance Manager at Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, where I oversaw financial management of corporate services.

I have been in my current position since September 2023 and I am based in the Financial Planning team at the Trust. My role includes the monthly calculation of the clinical income for the organisation as well as annual financial planning and I also provide financial support to the organisation's charity which includes the preparation of the annual accounts.