

Achieving Excellence in Care



KEEPING STAFFING WITHIN BUDGET

Controlling Staffing levels to achieve profitability whilst maintaining quality care.



The care home industry is grappling with significant challenges in staffing and budgeting, often struggling to strike a balance between maintaining high standards of care and ensuring profitability. Traditional management solutions often treat HR and residents as separate entities, leading to a lack of cohesion in management approaches. This approach can result in staffing inefficiencies, budgeting issues, and a struggle to ensure profitability while maintaining high standards. Innovative solutions are needed to transform the way care homes operate, providing a more integrated and efficient approach to staffing and budgeting. The future of care home management hinges on the ability to navigate these complexities, leading the way towards more sustainable and efficient operations.

THE CHALLENGE:

STAFFING AND BUDGETING IN CARE HOMES

In the care home industry, operators are often faced with a complex challenge: balancing the staffing needs of their homes with the constraints of their budgets. The goal is to ensure that homes are adequately staffed to provide the highest quality of care for residents whilst also maintaining financial sustainability. This balance is crucial, as it directly impacts the well-being of residents and the overall success of the care home.

However, current staffing software solutions often fall short in providing the necessary tools to manage staffing budgets accurately. These tools typically treat human resources and resident data as separate entities, which hinders the ability to draw meaningful insights that can guide effective staffing decisions. As a result, care homes often find themselves in a predicament where they are either understaffed, which can negatively affect the quality of care provided to residents, or overstaffed, which can lead to unnecessary financial expenditure.

Key impacts of this challenge include:

1. **Compromised Care Quality:** Understaffing can lead to inadequate care for residents, affecting their health and well-being. It can also lead to increased stress and burnout among staff members, further impacting the quality of care.
2. **Financial Strain:** Overstaffing or staffing based on requests rather than actual needs can lead to unnecessary expenditure, affecting the home's profitability.
3. **Lack of Insightful Data:** Without the ability to blend HR and resident data, care homes miss out on valuable insights that could guide their staffing and budgeting decisions.
4. **Inefficient Resource Allocation:** Without clear visibility into staffing needs and costs, care homes may struggle to allocate their resources efficiently, leading to wasted time and money.
5. **Inability to Compare and Contrast:** Without the ability to compare staffing levels and costs across different homes within a group, operators miss out on opportunities for optimization and learning.

Introducing Syncurio: Transforming Staff Budgeting

Syncurio is a care home management software specifically designed to address staffing and budgeting issues in the industry. It offers a unique staffing budget tool that considers Roles, Rates, and Shift Patterns, enabling care homes to create precise staffing budgets. By merging human resources and resident data, Syncurio provides the necessary insights for making informed staffing decisions. This ensures the delivery of quality care while maintaining financial sustainability.

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH: RESOURCING FOR PROFITABILITY AND CARE

Syncurio's solution is not just about addressing the challenges; it's about transforming them into opportunities for improvement and growth. It's about empowering care homes to rise above the constraints and complexities of staffing and budgeting, enabling them to focus on what truly matters - providing the highest quality of care to their residents.

Designed with the needs of care homes in mind, Syncurio brings a new level of efficiency and sustainability to the industry. It offers a robust and flexible toolset that allows care homes to adapt to changing needs and circumstances, ensuring they can deliver exceptional care without compromising their financial health.

With Syncurio, care homes can look forward to a future where staffing and budgeting challenges are not just manageable, but a pathway to enhanced care and sustainability.

The screenshot displays the 'Budget Tool' interface for 'Home1 Care Centre'. At the top, a summary bar shows key metrics: 33 Residents, £16,414.69 Payroll, £1,128.03 Average Fee, £497.41 Cost per Resident, 44.1% Payroll/Weekly Fee, 1,147.5 Staff Hours, and 4.97 Daily Hours per Resident. Below this, the 'Pay Cost Component' section includes input fields for Hourly Rate (£0.00), Salary (£0.00), Weekly Hours (42.50), Supernumerary Holiday Days (0.00), Supernumerary Training % (0.00%), National Insurance % (7.00%), and Pension % (0.00%). The 'Roster' section features a table for 'Shift Details' and 'Number of staff per Day'.

Unit	Start	End	Break	Paid Hours	Number of staff per Day						
					Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Home	07:30	16:30	00:30	08:30	1	1	1	1	1	0	0

Integrated Staffing Budget Tool

Central to Syncurio's solution is an innovative staffing budget tool. This tool allows care homes to build precise staffing budgets based on Roles, Rates, and Shift Patterns. It provides a level of detail and control that is not typically found in traditional care home management software, making Syncurio a game-changer in the industry.

The importance of such a tool is highlighted in a study by Nasir and Dang (2018), which emphasises the need for flexibility and simultaneous consideration of new patients and nursing staff in planning¹. This research underscores the value of Syncurio's staffing budget tool in addressing the complexities of staffing in care homes.

1. Nasir, J. & Dang, C. (2018). Solving a More Flexible Home Health Care Scheduling and Routing Problem with Joint Patient and Nursing Staff Selection

Unified View of Data

Syncurio stands out by merging human resources and resident data, providing a comprehensive view that aids in making informed staffing decisions. This integration is crucial, as it addresses the lack of insightful data, one of the key challenges in care home management.

By providing a unified view of data, Syncurio enables care homes to make decisions based on complete information, leading to improved care quality and enhanced financial sustainability. This integration of data is a significant step forward in care home management, offering a level of insight that has been lacking in traditional systems.

Departmental Breakdown and Shift Pattern Analysis

The budget tool also allows for a breakdown per department, offering a detailed view of the staffing situation. This feature, coupled with the ability to examine shift patterns, provides a comprehensive understanding of staffing needs and costs.

This is a significant departure from traditional care home management solutions, which often treat HR and residents as separate entities. The innovative data blending capability of this solution allows care homes to see the average fee in the same place as the HR planning tool, ensuring profitability through strategic staffing.

Innovative Data Blending

Syncurio's ability to blend data allows care homes to view average fees in the same place as the HR Planning tool. This innovative data blending ensures profitability through effective staffing, providing care homes with the insights they need to make informed financial decisions.

By bringing together financial and staffing data, Syncurio provides a comprehensive view of the care home's operations. This allows for more informed decision-making, ensuring that staffing strategies align with financial goals and contribute to the overall profitability of the care home.

Comparative Analysis for Care Home Groups

Syncurio offers the ability to compare staffing levels across all their care homes. This comparative analysis aids in maintaining profitability and making informed staffing decisions. It provides a bird's eye view of the staffing situation across the entire care home group, allowing for more strategic decision-making.

By providing a comparative view of staffing levels, care home groups are enabled to ensure that their staffing strategies are consistent and effective across all their homes. This level of insight is crucial for large care home groups, where consistency in staffing and budgeting can significantly impact profitability.

Ensuring Budget Compliance

Syncurio ensures that homes stay within budget during rostering. This feature is crucial in maintaining the financial health of the care home while ensuring the delivery of quality care. It provides a clear view of the budget and ensures compliance, helping care homes operate within their means without compromising the quality of care.

CLIENT IMPACT

What Clients Say:

"The ability to roll up data and compare staffing levels across all our care homes has been invaluable. It's like having a bird's eye view of our operations. This feature has enabled us to make strategic decisions that ensure profitability across all our homes."

Chris — Group CFO

"Since implementing the Syncurio, our staffing efficiency has improved dramatically. It's as if we've been given a new lens to view our operations. The ability to build staffing budgets based on roles, rates, and shift patterns has given us a level of control we never had before."

Sarah — Care Home Manager

"The software has been a revelation. It has ensured our care home remains profitable."

David, Care Home Owner

Case Study: Revolution to Greater Profitability

The group, consisting of five care homes, was facing significant challenges with staffing inefficiencies and budgeting issues. They were using a traditional care home management solution, which treated HR and residents as separate entities, leading to a lack of cohesion in their management approach. The group was struggling to ensure profitability while maintaining high standards of care, a balance that had previously been challenging to achieve.

Recognising the need for a more integrated solution, the group decided to implement the software across all their homes. The decision was driven by the desire to have a more comprehensive view of their operations, and the software's staffing budget tool and data roll-up capabilities were particularly appealing. The group was hopeful that the new software would provide the insights needed to make more informed staffing and budgeting decisions.

The implementation process was smooth, with the software seamlessly integrating into the group's existing operations. The group was particularly impressed with the software's user-friendly interface and the support provided by the software team. The transition to the new system was made easier by the intuitive design of the software and the comprehensive onboarding and training provided.

Once the software was fully implemented, the group began to see significant improvements in their staffing efficiency and budget management. They were able to build precise staffing budgets based on roles, rates, and shift patterns, providing a level of control that was previously unattainable. The ability to view the average fee in the same place as the HR planning tool was a game-changer, leading to a significant improvement in their profitability.

The ability to roll up data and compare staffing levels across all their care homes was another standout feature. This provided a bird's eye view of their operations, enabling them to make informed decisions when requests for additional staff arose. The group was able to ensure that their staffing strategies were consistent and effective across all their homes, a factor that significantly impacted their overall profitability.

CONCLUSION

the care home industry, fraught with complexities in staffing and budgeting, stands on the brink of a transformative era with Syncurio. This innovative solution addresses the industry's pressing challenges head-on, offering an integrated approach to staffing and budgeting that empowers care homes to maintain the highest standards of care while ensuring profitability. By offering a comprehensive and user-friendly platform, Syncurio is leading the way towards more sustainable and efficient care home operations, ready to redefine the future of care home management in the face of industry challenges.



Get in touch today to find out how Syncurio can help your care home.

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