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# e**Expenses**

The most functionally rich electronic expenses tool for the NHS. Pre-selected following a detailed review process and funded by the NHS ESR Programme. Allocate e-Expenses is the only solution to automatically cross reference expense claims with HealthRoster staff rosters in real time, improving claim accuracy whilst removing admin burden.

# Key benefits

- Significantly reduces costs of processing claims
- Improves expense claims accuracy by interfacing with HealthRoster to allow cross checking of claims against the roster in real time;
- Accessible online via Employee Online and MedicOnline on desktop, tablet and mobile devices;
- Provides unique protection from fraud & error;
- Ensures compliance with NHS specific requirements, including mileage triangulation and vehicle data (such as validity of registration, MOT and insurance)
- Provides intelligence for the understanding and planning of staff costs and claims patterns
- Allocate Software is an expenses supplier to the NHS ESR Programme

## e-Expenses Background

Processing staff expenses claims is one of the most time-consuming and onerous tasks faced by healthcare organisations. Paper-based systems are complicated, admin heavy and prone to mistakes. At the same time, with complex rules and regulations, the potential for fraud, inadvertent or deliberate, is high.

Developed as a direct result of requests for help from our NHS

"Our payroll providers like the ESR payroll interface as it as it saves them time and administration"

Guy Kioni, HealthRoster Project Manager North East London NHS Foundation Trust

customers, the application has been designed to be easy to use for claimants and approvers, while dealing with the very complex and specific payment rules in the NHS.

e-Expenses is flexible and robust enough to be able to meet the unique and diverse needs of Acute, Primary, Community and Mental Health NHS Trusts.

With over a third of the workforce making expense claims, the e-Expenses application has an immediate impact on driving down expense processing costs.

## e-Expenses Capabilities

Allocate e-Expenses is unique. When combined with the functionality of HealthRoster Optima is the only solution that automatically cross-references data with the roster in real-time to check and verify all expense entries against NHS criteria and automates claim calculations. This unique security feature brings equally unique benefits:

- Delivers unique protection against fraudulent activities, checking that claims are not made during a period of sickness, for instance.
  - Eliminates potential for manual errors and duplication.
    - Simplifies implementation.
      - Make users lives easier!

#### For Employees

- Single point of entry for all employee related activities, from requesting shifts and leave to submitting expense claims
- Familiar interface for users already using Employee Online





## For Managers:

 Managers are able to review claims for approval via Employee Online as well, thus reinforcing the 'single point of entry' notion.

The in-built 'rules engine' translates simple text entry into NHS specific code, and ensures compliance with policy by flagging potential violations.

## **Features include:**

- e-Expenses Mobile, staff including medics can submit expenses on the go
- Receipt scanning with free storage watch this in action at www.allocatesoftware.co.uk/expenses
- Employee vehicle self service allow users to add and update their own vehicle
- Triangulation rules which manage the three elements of a journey, from starting point to destination and back. Rules can be applied to automatically calculate the appropriate reimbursement.
- Uses PCA Maps to accurately calculate mileage compliantly deafulting to the shortest journeys, for single and multi-stop trips.

Warnings which flag up

in real-time, to monitor

mileage tolerances and

ensure that payments

are appropriate to

distances travelled.

"Allocate's e-Expenses has really streamlined the whole expenses process, it's enabled consistency across the trust and we've seen many efficiency, accuracy and governance improvements. "

Jason Mullarkey, Strategy & Improvement Project Manager Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS Foundation Trust

"A clever piece of technology developed, staff can complete their expenses in a real time environment, thereby spending more time focusing on patient to patient contact and not having to go back to base to complete their expenses"

Chris Upham Assistant Director of Finance Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust



- Complies with all NHS-specific expense categories, such as vehicle checking and Duty of Care management, which monitors the vehicle used and ensures the appropriate mileage reimbursement rate – including MOT, insurance and registration.
- Additional criteria incorporates other key claim elements required by ESR, such as type of mileage - nature of business, type of car, number of passengers to allow efficient processing and payment of claims.

It's fast to deploy and is available on Allocate Cloud making mobile access for all even easier and more cost effective.

# e-Expenses Benefits

e-Expenses delivers the NHS with a wide range of benefits including:

- Cost savings immediately minimises wastage caused by manual errors; reduces payroll costs; eliminates fraud when combined with HealthRoster.
- Increased efficiency dramatically reduces the time spent by payroll departments processing claims and managing input into ESR; - significantly reduces the time and effort required for managers and staff to make claims; - improves speed and accuracy of reimbursements; - avoids duplication of data entry.
- Operational insight delivers enhanced understanding of staff spend patterns, enabling more effective expenditure planning and forecasting; gives approvers and managers full visibility through extensive web based reporting features and notifications.

In addition, the application delivers:

- Detailed reporting on compliance and person/unit spend;
- Robust ESR interfaces which give further assurance that the data is not only accurate, it also adheres to the tight security controls of NHS trusts;
- Ease of use and a familiar interface for staff, requiring little training or implementation time;
- Full access on-the-go via smart phones and tablet devices.





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