

## Seminar Programme

### **Accountability and Value for Money**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009**

- 09.30 Arrival, registration and refreshments
- 10.00 Welcome and structure for the day. First thoughts introductions.
- 10.30 The Changing Framework for Audit and Accountability
- This session will be set in the context of the changes anticipated from 1 April 2010 and provide an explanation of how difference might emerge between the current arrangements and those post 1 April.*
- 11.15 Break and refreshments
- 11.30 The implications of the 1 April changes for the roles and functions of the Corporation, Audit Committees and Principals as Chief Accounting Officer
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.15 Defining and Assessing Value for Money (VfM)
- With a focus on the different ways that VfM can be defined and examples of practice that senior managers and audit committees can take to understanding the principles of VfM and the benefits of monitoring results*
- 15.00 Refreshments
- 15.15 Conclusions from the day: taking forward issues from the day, practical considerations and strategies for successful implementation
- 15.45 Summary of the day and final Questions. 7-day actions.
- 16.00 Seminar closes

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For delegates to get the most from this seminar, it is important that it as interactive as possible. The above timings will be flexible to allow for maximum participation and speakers will invite you to contribute to discussions and ask questions whenever the opportunities arise.