Finance Committee
Inquiries into Deaths (Scotland) Bill
Submission from NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Response

Consultation

1. *Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?*

No.

2. *If applicable, do you believe your comments on the financial assumptions have been accurately reflected in the FM?*

Not applicable.

3. *Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?*

Yes.

Costs

4. *If the Bill has any financial implications for your organisation, do you believe that they have been accurately reflected in the FM? If not, please provide details.*

Yes.

5. *Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?*

Yes.

6. *If applicable, are you content that your organisation can meet any financial costs that it might incur as a result of the Bill? If not, how do you think these costs should be met?*

Yes.
7. **Does the FM accurately reflect the margins of uncertainty associated with the Bill’s estimated costs and with the timescales over which they would be expected to arise?**

Yes, however one additional point. Potential recommendations from FAIs and the potential for policy changes as a result. This would presumably require staff time (policy change) with the potential for additional costs as a result of the change – not possible to quantify in advance but possibly worth noting.

**Wider Issues**

8. **Do you believe that the FM reasonably captures any costs associated with the Bill? If not, which other costs might be incurred and by whom?**

9. **Do you believe that there may be future costs associated with the Bill, for example through subordinate legislation? If so, is it possible to quantify these costs?**