Finance Committee
Transplantation (Authorisation of Removal of Organs etc.) (Scotland) Bill
Submission from NHS National Services

Response

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the financial implications of the above bill. Please find the following to be the response from National Services Division (NSD), the commissioner of the Scottish national transplantation services.

Consultation

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

   National Services Division did not take part in a consultation exercise but was requested by the Non-Government Bills Unit at the Scottish Parliament to provide information on the costs of the transplant services in Scotland. In response, we provided information on the average cost per kidney, liver, heart and lung transplant (based on total service costs and number of transplant operations in 2013/14).

   National Services Division was also asked for information on annual costs of medical management avoided as a result of a transplant and on the estimated increased quality of life (QALY) for each transplant. We do not have this information specific to Scotland and therefore provided the estimated values from the Welsh Assessment, which was used for a recent review of the transplantation services.

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

   National Services Division was given the opportunity to comment on the phrasing for the relevant section of the FM, and this was reflected in the final version. We were not given the opportunity to view or comment on any other sections of the FM.

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

   N/A
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.**

The Bill could have potential financial implications for National Services Division, as commissioner of the transplantation services, if there were to be a resulting increase in transplantation activity.

In 2014, National Services Division, together with the other relevant Scottish transplant organisations and representatives, undertook a forward-planning review of the Scottish transplant services (‘Commissioning Transplantation to 2020’: [http://www.nsd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/servicereviews.html](http://www.nsd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/servicereviews.html)). Our activity and financial projections for the next five years are based upon this work, which did not take into account any possible effects of the Bill. However, we do not expect significant changes to the number of transplant operations in Scotland as a result of the Bill. We will be monitoring the situation in Wales in order to see whether any changes take place that could predict effect for Scotland.

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

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?**

If there were to be an increase in transplantation activity as a result of the Bill, National Services Division would expect to manage this within the existing financial portfolio.

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?**

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?**

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