Mental Health (Scotland) Bill; Financial Memorandum
Submission from NHS Western Isles

Consultation
Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. No

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

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

Costs
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.
4. Costs are not anticipated to be significant, although they cannot be quantified.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
5. The logic seems reasonable although there are no estimated figures, so it is not possible to comment on accuracy.

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?
6. If the costs are not significant, as indicated in the Financial Memorandum, then NHS Western Isles should be able to meet them. If they should transpire to be significant then representation would be made to Scottish Government.

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?
7. The FM does indicate areas where there are unquantifiable variables at this stage. Although it is difficult to say whether or not they are accurate they do seem reasonable, as do the timescales.

Wider Issues
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?
8. The FM does appear to reasonably capture associated costs.

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?
9. It is extremely difficult to predict future costs that might be borne out of subordinate legislation – we are not aware of any at this stage.