Consultation
Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill and, if so, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?
1. We did not take part in any consultation preceding the Bill.

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. We are a small local authority with only a small number of MHO’s. The duties the MHO’s have to carry out varies in volume and frequency so it is difficult to predict exact workloads as they do these duties in addition to an “ordinary” case load. The new provisions in the Bill will undoubtedly create extra work for MHO’s but we envisage being able to pick this up within our existing resource. Our biggest dilemma is in relation to any work we have to do “off island” as this has a considerable cost in terms of finance and time.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
5. We have been part of other aspects of consultation in relation to this and believe that the estimates provided by the Social Work Scotland Mental Health Sub Group are more realistic.

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. Given our context we are content that we can meet any financial cost.

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. We believe the Bill underestimates additional duties and the figures provided by the Social Work Scotland Mental Health Sub Group are more realistic.

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. Some of the duties in the Bill provides additional responsibilities for MHOs – some of this is explicit, but some is implicit e.g. changes in Named Person...
procedures are highly likely to involve MHOs although this is not stated. Such
duties will incur additional MHO time and 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. Without knowing what subordinate legislation will impose it is impossible to
answer this question.