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 the consultation exercise.

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. Para 33 accurately reflects the costs for the assumed number of referrals.

Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?
5. Yes from a local authority point of view.

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. We can meet the costs based on a share of 20 referrals. Should the level of referrals increase materially this should be met from additional Scottish Government funding.

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. Yes

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. Yes from a local authority viewpoint.

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?