Finance and Constitution Committee Questionnaire

This questionnaire is being sent to those organisations that have an interest in, or which may be affected by, the Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill’s — Financial Memorandum (FM).

In addition to the questions below, please add any other comments you may have which would assist the Committee’s scrutiny of the FM.

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, we are not aware of any consultation relating to this

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?

Not applicable

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.

Costs relating to the ‘in house training’. Staff costs and potentially travel / accommodation costs if the trainer is required to attend training to become a trainer. Backfill costs for the trainers to be released to provide training.

Some ‘uplift’ for island (and other remote rural settings) is required, for example no allowance appears to be made to back fill teaching heads in small schools (the assumptions in paragraph 13 do not appear to fully cover this).

Additional staff time for implementing and embedding the Named Person service

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

The metric for calculation the cost appears broadly accurate (although additional allowance for remote rural areas is not applied as noted above)
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?

No, costs cannot be met within current budgets. Additional monies should be provided by SG.

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?

As far as is practically possible.

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?

No, as per Q4.

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?

This is an unknown at present.