G/West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Children and Young People (Information Sharing) (Scotland) Bill

Consultation

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


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

No. There has been no account made for Social Work staff for Children and Adult Services who will require training related to Information Sharing requirements.

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

Yes

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. Not fully reflected within Local Authority staff costs. We would estimate that all social workers and lead professionals would require 1 day training to understand the changes brought in by Information Sharing Act. Most staff had received training on the implementation of Part 4 and 5 of the 2014 Act. The estimated cost of this for WDHSCP would be £20,000.

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

No for reason given above in Q4. However the average cost for 1 day training of £166 for health professionals is reasonable, but have a concern over the 60% backfill as did not provide a £value for the Named Person element in the original request for financial information on the 2014 Act.

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 as stated in response to Q4 above. Would request that this additional cost is met by the Scottish Government.

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?

No.
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 stated in response to Q4 above.

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?

Yes, if subordinate legislation in respect of the 2014 Children & Young People Act. Not possible to quantify without further information.