Consultation

Did you take part in any consultation exercise preceding the Bill?

Yes. There was representation at sessions held in relation to the CYP(S) and through professional associations and COSLA as well as direct responses from partners in Ayrshire to the initial Financial Memorandum for the CYP(S).

If Yes to Q1, did you comment on the financial assumptions made?

Comment on financial assumptions made were limited given stage of engagement and development of financial models at that stage. Subsequent input was made through common partnership arrangements at the Financial Memorandum stage.

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

N/A

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

Yes

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.

Yes. Generally the assumptions made under financial modelling for implementation implications of Parts 4 and 5 of the 2014 Act are sound. New and amended provisions regarding the consideration of information sharing will require training and learning materials and ‘back-fill’ costs for staff training on information sharing and these are incorporated in the FM.

The assumptions appear to be on a realistic cost base in relation to the NHS and Education workforce summing to £680,269 and £219,431 respectively.

Much work has been undertaken to mainstream the relevant information sharing requirements and national support through NHS Education Scotland is sensible.

The additional cost for materials development of £310,000, including a small team at a cost of £180,000, appears realistic. Similarly the cost estimates for Independent Schools appear realistic.
There may be some additional support required locally, given the pressure on in-house delivery teams in recent years with outreach from NHS Education Scotland potentially desirable.

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

Yes. Broadly costs seem reasonable and accurate although the additional requirements under Parts 4 and 5 may require further information systems development. This should be given some consideration in liaison with systems specialists.

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?

Yes. As the FM states, considerable work has been undertaken to mainstream the workforce training and development requirements referred to in the Bill.

Proposals to centrally develop and deliver materials are sensible in minimising costs and ensuring standardisation. Learning and development and training services have been under pressure in recent years and additional outreach support from NHS Education Scotland may be suitable.

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?

Yes. On the whole the estimated costs reflect previous FM models and the additional requirements in relation to the consideration of information sharing under the Bill.

There may be a need to reflect some additional information systems development in liaison with systems specialists.

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?

Yes. On the whole, yes with the proviso above regarding revisiting any potential information system costs with specialists and suppliers and NHS Education Scotland outreach.