Financial Memorandum

Consultation

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

The Organ Donation Sub-Group of Lothian NHS Board did take part in the consultation exercise preceding the Bill. In early March 2017 it responded to the 18 questions in the consultation document *Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation - a consultation on increasing numbers of successful donations*. However, our response made no comment on any financial assumptions as that consultation document did not contain any.

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

Not applicable, see answer to Q1.

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.

Retrieval – Lothian currently provides the UK north team for abdominal retrieval – the impact assessment has not been tested at a local level and we should note that the current abdominal retrieval model is under pressure and any significant increase in activity will require detailed modelling to assess the impact.

Transplantation – the impact assessment indicates that there is no expectation that activity will increase as a result of the Scottish legislation, however we should be cognisant of the fact that UK Government are considering similar scheme for NHS England. Should there be an increase in overall organ availability which results in an increase to the abdominal transplant programmes managed through Edinburgh Royal Infirmary then we would need to evaluate the impact at a local level and it is HIGHLY likely that additional investment would be required.

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

No. Assessment would need to be made.
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?

Unknown

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?

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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?

It will be crucial to provide information and raise public awareness about the proposed change in legislation and its implications. The costs and assumptions behind this are contained in Public information, points 18 - 22 of the Financial Memorandum. Currently £250,000 p.a. is spent by the Scottish Government for public information and awareness raising under the 2006 legislation (and arguably has been an important factor in making the percentage of Scots signed up to the ODR the highest in the UK). The sums outlined in the table in point 22 of the FM are additional to the existing annual spend, and from a layman’s perspective the planned activities and costs thereof seem reasonable. They are essential if the Bill is to be implemented successfully.

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?

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