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Where are we on publication?

- Original modelling published in full with BSBF in March 2022, updated modelling of headline results published with Progress Report in June 2023
- No public commitment to publish further updates, but stakeholders such as PIC have called for Scottish Government to commit to publishing its modelling work regularly and transparently.
- There may be value in a regular publication schedule (once or twice yearly)
 - Most logical publication point would be alongside each annual Progress Report (June), following UK Budget and associated forecasts (March)
 - Possibility of an additional, standalone update in Jan/Feb to incorporate UK Autumn Statement and associated forecasts, plus Scottish Budget and new FRS data – but quickly becomes outdated due to UK Budget/forecasts in March
- There are benefits and risks to publishing and not publishing
 - Currency of public figures? Credibility?
 - Specific implications of forecasts which are above the target?
 - Future projections or the outturn data later will change and could show deterioration
 - Control over public release (Fol etc)
 - Transparency on the methodology will be needed to mitigate any criticisms around changes