

**EXTENSION OF FREE PERSONAL CARE - IMPLEMENTATION ADVISORY  
GROUP**

**FINANCE SUB GROUP MEETING**

**Monday 18 June 2018 10am – 12 noon**

**Glasgow City Chambers**

**82 George Street**

**Glasgow**

**G2 1DU**

**MINUTES**

**Attendance**

David Fotheringham, Scottish Government (Chair)  
Mike Liddle, Scottish Government  
Susan Brodie, Scottish Government  
Julie Rintoul, Scottish Government, Health and Social Care Analysis  
Fiona Hart, East Ayrshire H&SCP  
Patrick Welsh, West Lothian integrated Joint Board  
Jonathan Sharma, COSLA  
George Bowie, Angus H&SCP  
Morag Johnston, CIPFA Directors of Finance  
Jennifer McCourt, Glasgow H&SCP

**Apologies**

Sharon Wearing, Glasgow H&SCP  
Kenneth Leinster, South Ayrshire H&SCP

**Item 1: Welcome and Introduction**

1. David Fotheringham welcomed those present and thanked them for agreeing to take part in this sub group to the Implementation Advisory Group. Jennifer McCourt was also welcomed to the group as attending this meeting on behalf of Sharon Wearing.
2. The group was informed that the legislation extending free personal care to those aged under 65 was passed in Parliament last week and would be a statutory requirement from 1 April 2019.

## **Item 2: Remit of IAG Finance sub-group**

3. Following discussion, the group agreed the remit as proposed in the paper circulated for the meeting.
4. Agreement was made to meet on a monthly basis from June to August 2018 and to provide advice to the August meeting of the Implementation Advisory Group (IAG).

## **Item 3: Discussion of SACT proposals and other options**

5. David Fotheringham informed the group, that members of SACT were invited to attend this meeting to present their latest proposals regarding the implementation of free personal care to under 65s. However due to the time and location of this meeting, members of SACT were unable to attend.
6. It was agreed that Scottish Government will contact members of SACT, inviting them to the next Implementation Advisory Group Finance Sub Group meeting to present and discuss their proposals.
7. The group discussed and compared various case studies and the possible outcomes each proposed implementation model may have on those supported by free personal care. Members were invited to provide any comments on these.
8. Members of the group considered that the SACT proposal is different from what the legislation proposed. The original aim was to remove the current differentiation in treatment between under and over 65s. In addition, it was considered that the proposal would take a number of service users out of charging altogether, including in respect of charges for non-personal care.
9. Members of the group agreed to address this area at the next meeting in during discussions with members of SACT.

## **Item 4: Additional Demand – Client Group analysis**

10. Further discussions took place relating to different client groups (Learning Disability, Mental Health and Physical Disability) and their current support and what impact free personal care may have on these groups. This included how to identify people who required support, who may not currently be known to local authorities.
11. Various statistic collections were discussed by the group which could assist the provision of an overall estimate of additional demand and where the demand may come from. The view was expressed that people with physical disabilities were likely to be the largest group from which additional demand may come forward.

**Item 5: Assessment Costs**

12. The group discussed care and financial assessment costs for both re-assessments and for people who may ask for an assessment for the first time. It was agreed further research is required to be carried out on this area and that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Item 6: AOB**

13. No further business.

**Item 7: Next Meeting**

14. An email and diary entry has been sent to members informing them of the next meeting will take place on Thursday 12 July, 2pm – 4pm at Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living, 117 Brook St, Glasgow G40 3AP.