

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

FINANCE SUB GROUP MEETING

Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 10am to 11.30am

**Verity House (COSLA)
Haymarket Yards
Edinburgh**

MINUTES

Attendance

David Fotheringham (Chair), Scottish Government
Mike Liddle, Scottish Government
Jamie MacDougall, Scottish Government
Patrick Welsh, West Lothian integrated Joint Board
George Bowie, Angus H&SCP
Fiona Hart, East Ayrshire H&SCP
Garrick Smyth, COSLA
Jonathan Sharma, COSLA
Morag Johnston, CIPFA Directors of Finance
Julie McKinney, Scottish Government, Health Finance

Apologies

Julie Rintoul, Scottish Government, Health and Social Care Analysis
Guy McGivern, Scottish Government, Health and Social Care Analysis
Susan Brodie, Scottish Government
Sharon Wearing, Glasgow H&SCP

Item 1: Welcome and Apologies

1. David Fotheringham welcomed those present and passed on the apologies of those who were unable to attend this meeting. Julie McKinney and Jamie MacDougall were introduced to the group.
2. David noted that we were now getting to nub of agreeing the overall quantum of funding which needs to be allocated. He also noted that the Cabinet Secretary is content with the approach to have an implementation consistent with the way FPC is delivered for over 65s. It was agreed that we need to be consistent and strong in messaging that the extension of FPC is on an equality basis, and that charging for social care will be looked at as part of the wider reform of the social care system.

Item 2: Draft Minutes

3. The draft minutes of 12 July were approved.

Item 3: Finance Assessment

4. The group discussed the paper on estimated costs of:
 - a. Existing clients
 - b. Additional demand
 - c. Assessments; and
 - d. Self-funders in residential care.
5. The group also discussed the timing of the processes leading up to the allocation of resources, including clearance from Cabinet Secretary on the overall funding level, COSLA Leaders and the Settlement Distribution Group (SDG). It was considered unlikely that a full breakdown by Local Authority could be agreed by the October 10th meeting of the SDG, but that we should aim for agreement at the November COSLA Leaders' meeting.
6. The group discussed the figures from Angus and East Ayrshire on potential loss of income (and noted that figures are in production from Glasgow) and agreed that further data was required to forecast the level of income lost to LAs from the extension of FPC.

Action: SG to ask Perth & Kinross and West Dunbartonshire to undertake a similar exercise to that done by East Ayrshire and Angus, and incorporate with Glasgow results when received.

7. The assumptions around the level of additional demand were discussed, and it was agreed that the SG would recalculate based on low estimates of 4% additional demand (based on trends after eligibility criteria were introduced) and 28% as the high estimate (based on the increase immediately following the introduction of FPC for over 65s in 2003).

Action: SG to amend paper to show estimates for 4% (low) and 28% (high) and recirculate. SG to also provide more detail in the paper on the calculations for High, Medium and Low expenditure values. The paper should also show the overall numbers of people in each client group, as set out in the individual client group papers to show potential levels of unmet need.

8. The group discussed the estimated assessment costs, and agreed the figure provided still seemed a reasonable estimate.
9. The group noted the estimated costs for self-funders in residential care. It was noted that new figures have been released for the Care Home Census which may have an impact on the costs.

Action: SG to update the potential number of self-funders based on the new Care Home Census statistics.

Item 6: AOB

10. No other business raised.