NHS Health Scotland is a national health board working with public, private and third sector organisations to reduce health inequalities and improve health. Our role is to work with others to put into action knowledge about what works, and does not work, to reduce health inequalities and improve health. Our 2012–17 corporate strategy ‘A Fairer Healthier Scotland’ sets out our vision of a Scotland in which all of our people and communities have a fairer share of the opportunities, resources and confidence to live longer, healthier lives.

Response

Consultation

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

   No comment.

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

   No comment.

3. *Did you have sufficient time to contribute to the consultation exercise?*

   No comment.

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.*

   The Financial Memorandum states (paragraph 10) “…NHS Health Scotland will continue to analyse and publish alcohol sales and price data and it is not expected that the “multi-pack discount ban” provisions in the Bill will result in any additional costs for the Scottish Administration.”

   Funding from Scottish Government to Health Scotland to purchase alcohol sales and price band data is currently only confirmed to 2016/17 (to purchase 2016 data).
5. **Do you consider that the estimated costs and savings set out in the FM are reasonable and accurate?**

No comment.

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?**

No comment.

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?**

No comment.

**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?**

Although the Policy Memorandum does identify the need to evaluation of the criminal justice provisions in the Bill, evaluation of several of the other provisions would be necessary. Some of these costs would be borne by the Scottish Government and public health bodies such as Health Scotland.

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?**

No comment.