Finance Committee

Alcohol (Licensing, Public Health and Criminal Justice) (Scotland) Bill

Submission from NHS Orkney

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?

Yes, a response was submitted on behalf of NHS Orkney where financial or resource implications were reflected on.

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

Yes, all major financial implications mentioned within the initial response have been included within the FM.

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.

Most financial implications mentioned have been addressed, where General Practitioners are recording when a notification is made to them regarding an offender's alcohol consumption, there may be implications for practice IT systems which should be addressed nationally. Due to limited resources within the health board a detailed review of financial implications for the remote and rural setting have not been undertaken.

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

Due to limited resources within the health board a detailed review of financial implications for the remote and rural setting has not been undertaken.
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?

Due to limited resources within the health board a detailed review of financial implications for the remote and rural setting has not been undertaken, and given current financial restraints it would prove challenging to meet any NHS unanticipated costs. Support should be considered for smaller and remote and rural boards in practical terms such as training provision. Supported travel costs should training be unable to be delivered via video conferencing etc to save on money and resources.

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?

A detailed analysis by the health board has not been undertaken.

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?

A detailed analysis by the health board has not been undertaken.

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?

Additional costs may occur, but it is not possible to quantify at this stage.