**Minutes Of** **the Technical Advisory Group for Resource Allocation (TAGRA)**

**Monday, 05 June 2023**

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| **Action** | **When** |
| PHS to include HSCP shares in future publications. Draft paper to be shared around group | To be confirmed |
| PHS HSPC shares split report issued by PHS to SG also to be issued to DoFs | Next issue of report |
| Inventory of NRAC data internal draft paper on data sets used to be shared by PHS with group when ready. Will also be published on website when complete. | Draft paper – to be confirmed  Published on website – May 2024 |
| FB to arrange contact between PHS and SG colleagues to undertake Costing review/scoping exercise | To be confirmed |
| SG Finance to arrange the next TAGRA meeting | September 2023. |

**Agenda item 1: Options Paper for Formula Run for 2025/26 for decision (PHS) – (Paper TAGRA(2023)01)**

Martin McKenna (MM) presented on the 3 options showing the proposed release date, formula components, key datasets along with the advantages and disadvantages of each option.

Points raised in the discussion included:

*Options advantages and disadvantages*

* Option 3 had the most up to date data sets but it was too close to the target year and could be risky in terms of late timing for financial planning.
* Colin Marsland (CM) commented the more accurate the model, the more accurate the trend going forward would be.
* Elaine Ward (EW) commented even small changes in percentages could have a large impact in terms of budget.
* Andrew Sharp (AS) commented in year revisions and changes should be avoided where possible. Noted boards could be in recovery for a few years and even when boards were back to BAU, they would still not be at pre-Covid level
* Megahn McEwan (MM) commented it was best to minimise risk wherever possible
* Option 2 was deemed to provide more certainty and was less risky

Option 2 was agreed as the preferred option by the group

**Agenda item 2: Final Approval of Work Programme for information (SG) – (Paper TAGRA(2023)02)**

Padruic Osborne (PO) gave a verbal presentation on updates on the TAGRA: Formula review work plan paper. Paper is mostly the same as at January 2023 but has had 3 main updates in response to comments received:

1. Moved adjustments for the Community Care Program as now under the the National Care Service and more detail will be available on this later. Moved from SM6 to LM4.
2. Inventory of Formula data. Was originally referred to as a review but has now changed to reflect this wont be an exhaustive assessment on all data items fed into the formulas, but will help to identify which items should be reviewed and what can be updated with new data sources. See SM2 table.
3. Additional item added – ML5. This is an acknowledgement that there will be a stock take of the work done to that point including SM2, SM4, Sm5, ML2, ML3 and ML4. This will allow consideration of future work, based on what has already been established.

PO commented this was a live document.

Group content with the changes and the Formula Review work plan was approved.

**Agenda item 3: PHS updates for information (verbal):**

**a. Calculation of HSCP shares**

MM gave an update that the calculation of HSCP shares would be included in future publications, and noted there was an issue regarding out of hours adjustments. Draft paper would be distributed to the group in the near future.

AS requested if the DoFs could receive the same split report that was issued to the SG. MM agreed this can be done form now on.

**b. Inventory of NRAC data**

MM commented that an internal draft document, which will include a list of all data sets and sources used for Option B, will also be distributed to the group in the near future, and will be published online to increase transparability.

**c. Costing Review**

Elaine Strange (ES) commented the Cost Book review had not started yet. PHS planned to do a scoping exercise but did not have the necessary knowledge or skills to do that so would like to link up with SG colleagues to utilise their knowledge skill set. FB agreed to arrange this.

**AOB**

No other items raised for discussion

**Next meeting**

The next meeting was discussed, and agreed to take place in September/autumn.

**Attendees**

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| **Present/Apologies** | **Name** | **Organisation** |
| Apologies | Richard McCallum | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| ✓ | Lucy Proud | SG – Population Health |
| ✓ | Paudric Osborne | SG – Population Health |
| ✓ | Fiona Bennett | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| Apologies | Jack Gillespie | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| Apologies | Paul Leak | SG – Social Care and National Care Service |
| ✓ | David Hurst | SG – Local Government and Housing |
| ✓ | Angus Graham | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| ✓ | Alan Ferrier | NRS |
| ✓ | Elaine Strange | PHS |
| ✓ | Peter Martin | PHS |
| ✓ | Diane Skåtun | Health Economics Research Unit |
| ✓ | Colin Marsland | NHS Shetland |
| ✓ | Meghan McEwan | NHS Orkney |
| ✓ | Alan Sharp | NHS Grampian |
| ✓ | Elaine Ward | NHS Highland |
| Apologies | Andrew Bone | NHS Borders |
| ✓ | Brian Nsonga | NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde |
| ✓ | Iona Mayhew | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| Apologies | Esther Roughsedge | NRS |
| Apologies | Julie Ramsay | NRS |
| Apologies | Ally Grant | SG – Health and Social Care Finance |
| ✓ | Martin McKenna | PHS |
| ✓ | Rodrigo Lara Molina | PHS |
| ✓ | Margaret Wolfenden | NHS Lothian |
| ✓ | Sarah Barry | Frontier Science Scotland and University of Strathclyde. |