

**PE1545/Q**

Scottish Government submission of 19 April 2017

Following the Committee's consideration of the above Petition on 30 March 2017 you wrote asking for an update on progress on the project plan.

For ease of reference Dr Anne MacDonald is currently completing phase 1 of the plan.

Phase 1

Quantitative analysis: identify numbers and profiles of adults and young people with complex needs who are Out Of Area or Delayed Discharge. This first piece of work will be completed by February 2017.

Update

- The data collection process is currently underway seeking information about the numbers, profiles, and geographical locations of anyone placed either out-of-area or who is delayed discharge within a health resource. The initial data collection request, along with detailed guidance has been sent to a nominated contact within each Health and Social Care Partnership across Scotland. Data was requested to be completed by the end of March. Dr Anne MacDonald is currently providing further assistance to any of the Partnerships requesting it, in order for them to fully complete the information requests.
- Once all the data is received, it will be analysed centrally. There may be a need for follow-up questions in order to clarify information; this will be discussed individually with the Partnerships as necessary. Once the initial data analysis is complete, the second phase of the project can start; this will consider a qualitative analysis of the issues, and provide a set of conclusions and recommendations for consideration by the Health and Social Care Partnerships

The second stage of the project is to carry out more detailed analysis of the issues surrounding out-of-area placements and delayed discharge. This will involve looking behind the data to try and understand the specific pathways and life journeys for this population. It is likely that this will involve considering a small sample of individuals in more detail, in order to clarify issues and enable thematic exploration of underlying factors.

This stage of the project will also involve an exploration of good practice and relevant research in supporting this client group. This may also include visiting facilities where this client group has been successfully supported, in order to learn lessons in relation to good practice.

The Scottish Government is committed to meet the timescales within the two year plan.

Officials will plan a meeting with Mrs Maxwell to update her on changes within the policy team and discuss on-going work and progress to date with the commissioned work.

I hope this information will be of assistance to the Committee in its continuing consideration of the Petition.

Yours sincerely