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December 2015 draft budget published

Contains transfer of ADP funding from Justice to Health included a reduction in the combined drug and alcohol funding from £69.2 million in the current financial year to £53.8 million in 2016-17.

7 January 2016

The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Shona Robison, wrote to Health Board Chief Executives in early January stating her expectation was that they would cover this shortfall from health budgets which saw a 6.5% increase.

Timeline

15 January 2016

SDF and other concerned organisations(AFS, SHAAP, BMA and SFAAD wrote to the Cabinet Secretaries for Health and Justice raising our collective concerns regarding the potential impacts of any reduction in local funding

February 2016

- SDF, AFS, SHAAP, BMA and SFAAD survey ADPs re funding. No clear picture emerges
- SDF write to all ADP chairs and NHS Chief Executives
- Above organisations meet with SG officials

January - March 2016

- Newspaper coverage – notably the Herald
- Parliamentary questions
- Raised formerly by Lib Dems in response to the budget
- Raised in debates e.g. Fairer Scotland Fund

Autumn 2016

- Some clarity emerges re funding positions with most ADPs using under spends and contributions from Integrated Joint Boards to reduce cuts to 6%.

December 2016

- Draft budget published for 2017/18 with proposed no change to ADP budget for 2016/17 - £53.8 million

January 2017

**Question S5W-06201: Neil Findlay, Lothian, Scottish Labour,
Date Lodged: 16/01/2017**

To ask the Scottish Government whether the £15.3 million reduction in its drug and alcohol budget in 2016-17 has been replaced in the 2017-18 draft budget.

Answered by Aileen Campbell (30/01/2017): I shall reply to the member as soon as possible.

Current Status: Holding Answer issued by Aileen Campbell on 30/01/2017

January 2017

Question S5O-00592: Monica Lennon, Central Scotland, Scottish Labour, Date Lodged: 18/01/2017

To ask the Scottish Government what its position is on the maintenance of the 2016-17 funding reduction to **alcohol and drug partnerships** in its Draft Budget 2017-18.

Answered by Aileen Campbell (25/01/2017): The draft Scottish Government budget for 2017-18 provides for the allocation of £53.8 million to support Alcohol and Drug services. The agreed funding allocation will be directed through NHS territorial boards for delegation to Integration Authorities. Supporting the delivery of **Alcohol and Drug Partnerships**' work is a priority for Integrated Authorities in 2017-18. As in previous years, the funds provided directly from the Scottish Government budget sit alongside funds provided from other NHS sources, statutory partners and the third sector, which collectively makes up the resources package for this important work.

Current Status: Answered by Aileen Campbell on 25/01/2017

January 2017

**Motion S5M-03440.2: Alex Cole-Hamilton, Edinburgh Western,
Scottish Liberal Democrats, Date Lodged: 17/01/2017**

Health

As an amendment to motion S5M-03440 in the name of Brian Whittle (Health), insert at end “; regrets the decision to cut the budget of **alcohol and drug partnerships**, which play an important role in promoting and securing preventative health measures; considers that this has had a detrimental effect on their ability to provide services, and seeks assurances that NHS boards will in future provide the right level of investment in these important services.”

Current Status: Fallen on 18/01/2017

Next steps

- Monitor ADP budgets?
- Role of Integrated Joint Boards?
- Survey frontline services to identify cuts and impacts of service users?
- Cross Party Alcohol and Drug Misuse Group