

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
Tuesday, 4 June 2024
18th Meeting, 2024 (Session 6)

Post-legislative scrutiny of self-directed support – Note by the Clerk

Background

1. As part of its post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013, the Committee agreed a two-phase process, with phase one focused on information gathering and phase two focused on developing recommendations for future implementation of the Act, informed by analysis of the evidence gathered during phase one:
 - Phase one to be undertaken between October 2023 – February 2024
 - Phase two to be undertaken March 2024 onwards
2. The Committee's [phase one report](#), published on 3 May 2024, sets out a number of areas for further scrutiny, namely:
 - Commissioning and tendering
 - Fair work and staffing
 - Local authority processes
 - Monitoring and transparency
 - National consistency

Phase two

3. At its meeting on 30 April 2024, the Committee agreed to undertake phase two during June 2024 with four oral evidence sessions exploring:
 - implementation of SDS by Health and Social Care Partnerships and Local Authorities,
 - outcomes and actions set out in the [Self-directed support: improvement plan 2023 to 2027](#),
 - monitoring and evaluation of SDS, and
 - evidence from the Scottish Government.

Today's meeting

4. During today's meeting, the Committee will explore the outcomes and actions set out in the SDS improvement plan, and assess available standards, guidance and support for social work staff, social care staff and social care providers and how these might be improved.
5. The panel comprises representatives of those organisations currently in receipt of funding to deliver on the improvement plan outcomes.

**Clerks to the Committee
May 2024**