

Estimated Medical Examiner costs for Wales

These estimates have been carried out using the same methodology as for England, this is done for simplicity and should not pre-empt the Welsh devolved administration's future decisions of how they wish to appoint Medical Examiners (MEs) and fund the service.

The estimates are based on the assumptions as in the England IA, other than the following:

- The estimates are based on 70% of deaths being cremated and 30% being buried
- It is assumed there will be 1 ME office per health board, 7 in total.

Table 1: NPV of Option 3 in Wales

| £million | Discounted Costs | Discounted Benefits | NPV |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|------|
| Option 3 | 7.9 | <i>Unquantified</i> | -7.9 |

Notes for the following tables:

May not sum due to rounding

WG - Welsh Government

† Start-up costs specific to Wales included, for example the set-up of local offices, recruitment and training of staff. IT systems and the National Medical Examiner costs are covered by England, though this does not pre-empt the policy decisions for implementation in Wales.

* Effect on coroners left unquantified in this IA and will be assessed 18 months after implementation

Table 2: Annual profile of financial costs (£m) current prices: Option 3 with respect to Do Nothing Option (1) – Central Estimate

| | Year 0 (Y ₀) | Y ₁ | Y ₂ | Y ₃ | Y ₄ | Y ₅ | Y ₆ | Y ₇ | Y ₈ | Y ₉ |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Transition costs (WG) | 0.8 [†] | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual cost (WG) | | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Annual cost (Public) | | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Change in Cremation form fees paid (public) | | 0 | 0 | -3.7 | -3.8 | -3.9 | -4.0 | -4.1 | -4.2 | -4.3 |
| Total annual costs | 0.8 | 2.2 | 2.1 | -1.5 | -1.5 | -1.6 | -1.6 | -1.7 | -1.7 | -1.8 |

Table 3: Annual profile of economic costs (£m, accounting for the opportunity cost of Welsh Government and NHS spending on health in terms of QALYs forgone) discounted prices: Option 3 with respect to Do Nothing Option (1) – Central Estimate

| | Year 0 (Y₀) | Y₁ | Y₂ | Y₃ | Y₄ | Y₅ | Y₆ | Y₇ | Y₈ | Y₉ |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Transition costs (WG) | 3.2 [†] | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual cost (WG) | | 4.3 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Annual cost (public) | | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Annual resource impact from changes to cremation forms | | 1.0 | -1.0 | -3.2 | -3.1 | -3.0 | -2.9 | -2.8 | -2.8 | -2.7 |
| Total annual costs | 3.2 | 4.3 | 3.7 | -0.6 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.4 | -0.4 |