

Public Questions

Scrutiny for Policies, Adults & Health – 05 June 2019

Item 8 Adult Social Care Performance Report:

Nigel Behan, Unite Branch Secretary

Q1 The BBC have reported: English 'short-changed on care funding'
(<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-8438132>)

“Public spending on care for the elderly and disabled is much higher in Scotland and Wales than England, figures show.

In England, £310 per person is spent each year on services such as care homes and home help for daily tasks such as washing and dressing.

But in Scotland, £445 is spent - 43% more than in England - and in Wales it is £414 - 33% more.

The analysis has been produced by the Health Foundation using official spending and population data.”

What is Somerset’s (like for like comparison) spend per head per year relative to the English average?

Q2 SCC’ has been lobbying government (and via the Local Government Association) for more funding for Social Care. Did you undertake comparisons with the Scotland and Wales figures (and noting the systems are different)?

Q3 Has SCC proposed removing/significantly raising the threshold reported here: “In England, anyone with assets of over £23,250 has to pay the full cost of their care.”?