

By email

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**PARTICIPATION REQUEST UNDER THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT
2015**

DECISION NOTICE - AGREED

This Decision Notice relates to the participation request made by Scottish Borders SDS Forum on 29 May 2019 in relation to improving well-being and health outcomes for people using Option 1 under SDS legislation. Scottish Borders Council has decided to agree to the request.

We propose that the outcome improvement process will operate as follows:

An options appraisal of pre-paid cards for use with direct payments will be undertaken. It is expected that the work will have concluded by the end of August 2019 and that the options appraisal will be submitted in a report to the Health and Social Care Joint Leadership Team. The Joint Leadership Team will decide whether further work is required.

The aim of the option appraisal is to a) analyse the benefits and challenges of pre-payment cards for direct payments in Scottish Borders b) analyse the different ways in which they could be introduced.

As the community participation body that made the participation request we expect your group to participate in the proposed process as follows:

To nominate people to represent the SDS Forum to participate in the options appraisal. It is anticipated at this stage that there will be two meetings to do this options appraisal work. The date of the first meeting is proposed as Tuesday 9th July 1.30 - 4pm at Council Headquarters.

We also expect representation from the Council's finance, care resource, procurement, business change, social care and health and children's services and Encompass to participate in the process in the following way:

To participate in the options appraisal meetings.

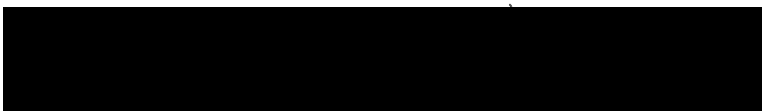
Your group is entitled to make written submissions in relation to modifying the proposed outcome improvement process. Any such submissions must be made within 28 days of the date of this decision notice. If you suggest any modifications to the process we will contact you within 56 days of the date of this decision notice with details of the outcome improvement process that will be established.



We will publish a copy of this decision notice (excluding your name and address), and information about the outcome improvement process, on Scottish Borders Council's website at www.scotborders.gov.uk/participationrequests. We will also publish information about the outcome improvement process that will take place.

If you have any questions about the participation request process please contact the Communities & Partnership Team at communityengagement@scotborders.gov.uk or by telephone on 01835 826626

Yours sincerely



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