

Responding and adapting to temporary accommodation funding changes

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TA/SA sub-group

- SG, COSLA, ALACHO, LAs
(Homelessness and Revenue and benefits), HSEU, CIH, Shelter, HAS, SWA, SFHA, SHN
- Met initially on TA – looking at the proposed changes
- Modelled the shortfall based on the reasonable cost of TA – around £25m

Position before UK SR

- Initially worked on assumption that some TA could be classified as specified accom and therefore no benefit cap, bedroom tax and HB to landlord)
- But most TA wouldn't qualify as LA owned
- So LHA and management fee of £45 direct to tenant under UC

UK Spending Review

- Management fee – not to be paid direct to LAs – amount to go into the SG settlement and then distributed further
- However modelling assumed income of £1.3m from this
- Use of DHPs

Recent discussions

- DWP clear that people in TA should automatically be put on day-one Alternative Payment Arrangements
- Useful to get feedback if this isn't happening

Specified Accommodation

- Some TA will be SA
- SR:
 - Benefit cap at LHA levels
 - <35s
 - Ongoing research (DWP and DCLG – SG) – report end of April and then detailed policy review
 - Potential to push for exemptions (April 2017 now not April 2016)

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