

Response to Consultation on allocating 2017-18 funding to disregard war pensions in social care financial assessments

Question WPS1

Do you prefer Option 1 (the standard RNF), Option 2 (using war pensioner numbers), or Option 3 (using war pensioner numbers and the RNF)?

Option 3 using war pensioner numbers and the RNF.

Question WPS2

Why do you prefer the option selected above? Do you have any comments about the options or alternative suggestions for allocating the funding?

Linking the funding allocation to the number of war pensioners in an area takes account of the disparity in numbers that occurs across the Country. By applying the RNF to this further aligns resources to the potential for social care need in an area.

Allocations could be based on local authorities' actual data regarding the potential cost of the disregard. However, given the quantum of funding has already been calculated this could result in a disparity of projected cost and actual resources available.