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From: Jane Pierce
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Subject: RE: Urgent: NI feasibility study [OFFICIAL Internal Only]
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Thanks!
 Much appreciated.
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From: Sarah Driver
Sent: 19 August 2016 11:40
To: Jane Pierce
Cc: Edmund Ward
Subject: RE: Urgent: NI feasibility study [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Hi Jane,

Edmund has come over to talk about this, the feasibility study can be found here: [NI-feasibility-study](#), but depression wasn't an amendment that was on the table for this set of changes so wasn't covered.

We did discuss the introduction of a cost control mechanism as part of the second stage of the amendments but only at a high level. Please find the relevant section below copied from page 19 of the feasibility study:

STAGE 2 amendments: These costs are provided at a high level. Once the go-ahead is confirmed on the second stage more detailed costs will be provided. [which obviously wasn't confirmed]

4.Introduction of a cost control mechanism

Option	Detail	Pros	Cons	IT Cost (£)	Ops Cost (£)
Auto	No specific accreditation, PDS, reporting changes required. Changes to the system required to add new data regarding when to go to what tariff on what date. The system already has the capabilities to administer depression.	Increased accuracy, and time savings	Significant cost	£1,329	£4000 (a change request is needed per depression as with GB currently)
Manual	Manual adjustment for all affected applications accredited post depression for full 20 years.	No IT amendments required	Costly, time consuming, very high risk of payment error	0	£1,422,534 (10 mins band C=£4.68 x 10mins band D=£3.23= £7.91 x 2248 x 4 x 20 years)

I've also attached the earliest email we received at the time with the proposed policy development templates for information (which mentions cost control).

Please let me know if I can be of any more help.

Thanks

Sarah

From: Jane Pierce
Sent: 19 August 2016 11:27
To: Sarah Driver
 Received from OFGEM on 22.05.2017
 Annotated by RHI Inquiry

Subject: Urgent: NI feasibility study [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Importance: High

Hi Sarah, do you have the NI study that you did to hand? If so, please could you share a copy? We are meeting Chris Poulton at 12pm and he wants to know how much degeneration was looked at/discussed as a possible policy option – do you recall anything?

Sorry for the urgent curve ball question!

Many thanks.

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