

## APPENDIX 2

### **Response to Panel question about Appointeeship arrangements for neighbouring Local Authorities, Dudley and Sandwell:**

#### **Dudley:**

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council do not operate an in-house Appointeeship scheme. They arrange Court of Protection Deputyships for large numbers of individuals instead and therefore the Office of the Public Guardian charging policy applies. Where the individual's only income is from Social Security benefits and they are not a tenant they may sign-post to other organisations offering an Appointeeship service and therefore independent charges apply.

#### **Sandwell:**

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council do not operate a separate in-house Appointeeship scheme. Appointeeships are incorporated within the Court of Protection Deputyships scheme for most individuals and therefore the Office of the Public Guardian charging policy applies. Where the individual's only income is from Social Security benefits and they are not a tenant they may offer an Appointeeship service, but this is an exception.