

# Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

## Page 2: About you

Please provide your name and other contact details. Please provide at least one means of contacting you (address, e-mail or telephone) - e-mail is our preferred option. (NB: you will be given the option shortly to specify whether it is your name or your organisation's name that is to be used, and you may also request anonymity or confidentiality for your response.)

**Your name (mandatory)**

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**Your Job Title (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)**

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Please indicate below whether you are content for your response to be attributed to you by name (either your name or that of your organisation)

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## Page 4: Your comments on the proposal

Q1: Do you support the principle that non-residential social care services should be available free at the point of delivery to those who have been assessed by a relevant professional as requiring them (as is the case within health care)?

Yes

**Please explain your answer**

Definitely. PWLD do not understand being given benefits in one hand and then being billed for their services and having large amounts of it being returned to Social Work.

Q2. Do you agree that legislation is a necessary and appropriate means of addressing the issues identified?

Undecided

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

Which legislation? Sometimes people on a Guardianship or Treatment orders are not charged as we expect them to complete the activities designated. But we also do this with other clients so why should they pay the charges?

Q3. The current system has resulted in varying charges in different areas for the same level and quality of service. Do you agree that there should be consistency across Scotland?

Yes

Q4. Should all social care related services be free at the point of delivery?

Undecided

**If you answered Yes, please explain your reasons. If you answered No, please explain which services should be excluded, and why. (Please refer to the services set out on page 7 of the consultation document).**

Why cant it be means tested. If people have lots of money then they can afford to pay, but the majority of our clients are on benefits.

Q5. What are the likely financial implications (if any) of the proposed Bill to you or your organisation? What (if any) other significant financial implications are likely to arise?

Clients would have more funds to enjoy life, activities and provide transport when specialist methods are required. It is also expensive to do activities when as now staff need to be paid for too, this includes entry fees, food and transport. However what is going to be classed as non-residential?? Lots of clients have large supported living packages that can be construed as 24/7 care.

Q6. What do you think the implications of the proposed Bill are for equality? If it is likely to have a substantial negative implication, how might this be minimised or avoided?

Positive

**Please explain your answer. If you answered Negative, please suggest any ways this impact could be minimised or avoided.**

More equal than it is at the moment. I am not sure what the negative implications may be.

Q7. Are there any other comments you would wish to make that are relevant to this proposal?

Will be interested to see the breadth of consultation and responses form carers/clients