

Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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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Name of your organisation (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)

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Your Job Title (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)

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Contact details (please provide at least one of: email, telephone number, postal address) (mandatory)

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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)

I would like my response to be anonymous (the response may be published, but no name)

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)?

No

Please explain your answer

I feel that individuals should be contributing towards the cost of their care package as that is why they are being paid benefits for care and mobility. This charge should be means tested.

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

Undecided

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?

No

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

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Charges should be established according to the individuals specific finances.

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

No

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?

Less money would be going into Local Authorities which could result in more job losses to fill the financial gap.

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?

Negative

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

I feel that if individuals are paying a contribution towards their care then they take more ownership of it. The abolishment of charges would have a negative impact on Local Authorities who are currently reducing their workforce to cut costs.

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

No Response