

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)

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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

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

Yes

Please explain the reasons for your response

It would mean that everyone is on a level playing field and not having to pay a charge depending on what local authority area you live if it was laid down in law. I think it's unfair that some local authorities charge and some don't.

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?

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

As my previous statement in Q2, it's unfair that some local authorities charge and others don't. The system should treat everyone the same.

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

Undecided

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?

At present, my daughter pays £30 from her disability benefits every week, whether or not she receives her social care, eg, she was off sick for 2 weeks and still had to pay contribution. She's to pay it whether or not she attends her adult day centre. I think that's unfair, so hopefully she'll gain an increase in her income if care charge is abolished

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?

Undecided

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

My daughter has been paying £30 weekly from her disability benefits since 2010 when she left school and was assessed by local authority for a social care service. I asked the local authority social workers at the time why she had to pay the charge at all and why for 52 weeks a year when she wasn't at her adult day centre for 52 weeks.

I never received an explanation of why she was being charged £30, social work kept coming back to me and said the charge had to be paid.
If the charge is abolished, then my daughter would have her full disability benefits instead of her having to pay the charge every week