

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)

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

Your Job Title (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)

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

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

Care charges force people who are often already living in poverty, further into need. Many people cannot afford their care charges. So they either go without the care they need, go without other necessities like food or heating or rely on unpaid carers or family members to pay their bills for them. So not only the person is forced into poverty, but their carer as well.

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

Yes

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

It's appalling that it's a postcode lottery. There is no equality for people and most of the people being charged are not in a position to move to another area to escape the charges.

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

Yes

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?

No Response

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.

Provision of care should NOT be based on ability to pay! It creates a two tier system for the most vulnerable people in our communities.

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

No Response