

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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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 believe that social care should be means tested. This would be a much fairer system to ensure everyone gets the services they need and not just basic care due to budget restraints.

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

Legislation allows for the opinions of the wider community to be taken into consideration

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?

One advantage of consistency across Scotland would be that the system is fair and accessible to all people who need it.

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

No

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).

I firmly believe a means tested delivery is the fairest way to allow social care services to act in the best interests of all who need it. I worry that free to all would see cuts made in other areas

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?

I feel that free delivery of services for everyone will have implications on the amount of care and services offered as well as budget cuts in other areas to cover the bill

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?

No Response