

Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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

People shouldn't have to pay for a basic quality of life if they are in circumstances beyond their own control.

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

This needs to be regulated so that quality of life is not dependent on postcode as may happen if different councils took different stances on this. It should be uniform throughout the country.

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

Disadvantages - council budgets Advantages - easier for people to move areas if necessary.

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).

Yes for those clients for whom paying for these services would be prohibitive. If a client requires a meal service but is able to contribute financially to this without it impacting negatively on them then perhaps they should do. However I imagine this would be the minority so in most cases I think these services should be free. Noone should have to pay for basic care.

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?

None other than possibly needing these services in years to come as any person might.

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.

One less barrier which disabled people have to living a normal life like everyone else.

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

This should be a priority.