

Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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

Difficult enough having a disability and needing care never mind being charged for that care required.

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 helped waive the charges for Carers in similar situations.

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

Makes this so much easier to understand if everyone know the rules and they are the same across the authorities. Major changes living in North Lanarkshire and working in South Lanarkshire.

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

Yes

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).

Think it should be free as we pay enough tax as it is.

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?

The time and costs are considerable especially around the charging policies. Time to explain, time to carry out assessment and time to recoup the money which most people do not have? Time for appeals etc.....

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.

I think this would be a positive one as I do not think it is fair that Carers are not charged for services yet the disabled person they are looking after would be. Where is the equality in that?

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

Surely the majority of people do not have the finances to pay and therfor taking away the charges will reduce the stress and anxiety they experience which may make their situation worse than it already is.