

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)

Tony Coffey

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 am content for my response to be attributed to me (as an individual)

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

How is it fair to charge people, often already on low pay already to contribute to their own care. I thought we paid for the needy via taxes.

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

We need a single regulated system to distribute benefits not handing decisions over and not to create a

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postcode lottery for care.

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?

Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

See previous answer.

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).

I appreciate that it's not a bottomless pit but to introduce a financial aspect to social care doesn't seem right to me.

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 have been told I will need to fund almost all of my SDS. If I can't afford to do things now how can I afford to contribute 99%?

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?

Negative

Please explain your answer. If you answered Negative, please suggest any ways this impact could be minimised or avoided.

If you do not have the education, determination or help to complete your application you are automatically at a disadvantage to better educated people with more access to assistance.

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

Politicians constantly tell us how they help the disadvantaged and throughout Indyref we heard how everyone yearned for a 'fairer Scotland'. It seems that the civil servants do not wish to distribute that fairness robbing the disabled of their dignity, freedom and the chance to participate fully in society.

