

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)

Disability Forum

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 my organisation

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

Yes, people are really struggling to meet the costs of the charges and some people are not able to carry on receiving the service as they can't afford it.

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

It is unfair at the moment that some councils take 75% upwards and others 24% of the so called 'disposable' income.

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?

Yes I think there should be consistency.

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).

All, these services are essential to everyday living. They are a necessity not a luxury to those who require these services.

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?

At the moment I struggle greatly financially, and if I was no longer being penalised for my disability, it would make life less of a struggle.

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.

At the moment I am penalised for having a disability, hopefully this bill would address that inequality.

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

No Response