

East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

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Dear Ms McMahon

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the abolition of charges for social care.

The entitlement of our communities to have good quality Social Care services is evident and this requires to be delivered in an environment of increasing demand across all care sectors and tight resource constraints.

Delivering the ambition to support quality of service through adequate remuneration and development of our social care workforce also results in additional resource demands.

It is within this context that we and other Councils in our Gross Budget position for social care include provision for a financial contribution from people who use services.

For East Ayrshire this amounts to £2.134million in 2015/2016.

If this resource was not available we would require either additional funding to an equivalent level, or to reduce the level of service commensurate with available resource.

Yours sincerely

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