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Dear Ms McMahon

**Charges for Social Care**

I refer to your letter dated, October 2015, regarding the consultation on the abolition of charges for non-residential social care.

In Fife, some non-residential care services are subject to a charge. These services include community alarms, day care, meals on wheels and respite care services. Charges are made on a flat rate basis and not subject to financial assessment.

With regards to care at home services, Fife Council currently does not make a charge for these services. In February 2013 a decision was made at Fife Council Executive committee that charges for non-residential charges would cease. From April 2013, following the committee decision, charges no longer applied for non-residential care at home services.

When Fife Council's charging policy was in place, it was based on the COSLA guidance for charging for non-residential care. Any variations or amendments from the guidance that were made to the Council policy were to the benefit of service users.

At present there is no proposed review of Fife Council's charging policy for non-residential care charges.

Yours sincerely

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