

Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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)

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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

I support this under the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities: articles 10 & 14.

Q2. Do you agree that legislation is a necessary and appropriate means of addressing the issues identified?

Undecided

Please explain the reasons for your response

I quote Devaluing Values: the impact of social works approach to SDS; " I would say that it is easy to sit here and say we have abundant funding to do things for disabled people, but social work departments do not have this fund" without costing am not too sure how legislation would help.

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?

No

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

I would say no. If client 1 is receiving the same care as client 2. and the cost of providing that care is the same then yes I would agree. But for now I would say much more research is needed.

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).

In a just world yes. but what would be the cost? Am not sure the powers of the Scotland Act would provide the Scottish parliament with the powers to do this. Social care could relate to physical and mental integrity, which would add more cost and how would you define adequate standard of living?

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?

Am not part of an organisation that would see higher costs. Other significant financial implications, I would need to do much more research.

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.

If anything it is positive. But not all that is Just, can be done.

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

Not that has not been said.