


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)	Florence Little
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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

If one is assessed as needing a service this is a basic need and they should not be charged.

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

The present system is effectively a post code lottery which is unfair.

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

Advantage every one should pay the same I do not see any disadvantage to having an equal pricing system. However I am in favour of no charge as those with disabilities often have less money and greater living costs which places them at a disadvantage to begin with.

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 had at first considered that a charge might be made for meals on wheels as we all have to provide food, however it may be necessary to provide a care worker to cook the meal and the cost of that could be greater than the cost of the meal delivered. Additionally it is my understanding that well paid MP's and Councillors receive sustenance/food allowance or reduced dining charges and I would consider them less deserving than those with disabilities.

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?

No financial implications to me as I care for my disabled son full time without any services from my local authority.
Should charges be abolished then of course financial structures will be required to implement good budgeting.

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.

Society is often judged on how it treats the less able, and to treat those with disabilities equally can only be a positive sign of a caring society.

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

I am pleased that at last something significant is being attempted to address this most unfair situation.