

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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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

The need for social care services is something in which no one wishes for, and this should be provided for free at the point of service, as it is unfair to put vulnerable people at risk by using any money they have to be able to afford basic human rights when they should be living as comfortably as people not using social care.

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

Having legislation means everyone is treated equally, and it is another step to cutting out discrimination in society. The need for social care should not be making people disadvantaged.

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?

Location should not effect cost and quality of care.

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).

No one asks to be in a situation where they need social care. It is a need, and beyond people's control. Because of this, it should be free at the point of service.

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?

There will be no financial implications to me, however I know a few vulnerable adults that would benefit from it.

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.

Free social care would mean the service users would have a good quality of life, cost free, that everyone is entitled to and is a basic human right to have healthcare looked after. Therefore it is good for equality that this is taken care of.

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

No.