

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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Name of your organisation (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)

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Your Job Title (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)

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Contact details (please provide at least one of: email, telephone number, postal address) (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

Many people who are disabled have related expenditure due to their disability , people are not being financially assessed properly re the contribution charge towards 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

I believe Social Care needs invested in here in Scotland , many people are refusing care because of the charge as they cannot afford it , we need a fair system in Scotland , many people paid their taxes for

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years while employed , to now have to pay all over again .

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?

Undecided

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

It boils down to not financially assessing properly in each area , people requesting for Disability Related Expenditure to be considered are being ignored by their councils or being told they don't consider it , if DLA is taken into account by Local Authority then so should DRE .

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 feel it is an unjust charge towards disabled people especially due to the austerity we are suffering in the UK at the moment .

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?

The financial implications arethe only help that can be offered to disabled people suffering hardship due to this charge is the direction to the nearest food bank in this 21st century .

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

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

Social Care should be free at the point of need .