

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.)

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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)

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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

Social care in most cases is for the elderly most of whom have contributed greatly during their working life, as such social care is something they have made a life long contribution to therefore it is only right that they get some help and care without having to fund it.

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

Councils should become funded in such a way as to manage social care without government interference.

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Yes

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

A pound spent in Glasgow is the same as a pound spent in Grangemouth, would weed out unscrupulous care providers who all know the way to the gravy bowl.

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).

Examine cost of keeping recipients of social care in their against care in hospital or care home, it's a no brainer.

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?

I would have to find funds which are currently not available or become a burden on my family. Worst scenario my wife would not get the care she needs.

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?

Negative

Please explain your answer. If you answered Negative, please suggest any ways this impact could be minimised or avoided.

Once again the rich can afford the poor go to early graves.

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

Not thought out and totally insensitive to the needs of the infirm be it mental or physical. Obvious down turn in care being provided would result in unemployment among low paid carers.