

# Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

## Page 2: About you

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**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 have an elderly friend with a learning disability who lives alone. He receives free personal care but not free social care. It would be a big help to his family if he also received free social care. I think there are many elderly people who are not on benefits but at the same time are definitely not wealthy for whom free social care would remove a big worry.

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**

Yes. Legislation has worked for free personal care.

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?**

Some councils have very high levels of deprivation and will struggle to meet this need. Consistency would be in the interests of the public, and of course would be fairer, but might not be in the interests of more cash strapped councils.

Q4. Should all social care related services be free at the point of delivery?

Undecided

**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).**

If we could set up volunteer services like the Food Train in Dumfries then we could exclude services like shopping.

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?

As an individual I would be happy to pay more income tax towards health and social care. I think most people would. But it would be better if it was ring fenced so that people would know that a " health and social care tax" was for that alone and there could be a separate income tax for everything else. Eg 10% for income tax and 12% health and social care tax.

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?

Undecided

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

*No Response*