

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)

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

son aged 24 has severe cerebral palsy and is unable to work or continue in education . He is unable to earn but instead is charged for his attending a day centre. He is unable to continue in education so gets no support in grants or with personal assistance as he would be due if he was in further education. The only thing left is day centre support which he os charged at maximum charge. We live in Midlothian. In our circumstances we know it to be a post code lottery. We do not use the word care . We believe our son requires support in order to access a more equal life. To charge is to put him at an even bigger disadvantage. Where is the equality?

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

At present every council works in different ways. Things often seem to lack transparency and being made up on the spot with regard to charges. We need legislation so there is equality across the country and also equality for every single person. People with disability should not be charged. and not transparent as to how

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charges have been made. It is a postcode lottery. There must be legislation

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?

It has to be consistent across Scotland. People need to know that they are not being disadvantaged geographically or being further disadvantaged by their disability. my son has very little choice in his life and needs help to lead a more fruitful independent life without having to pay through the nose

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).

Isn't this why we pay our taxes? Why should the disabled suffer yet again

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 Response

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?

No Response