


Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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

My siblings and I all live overseas. Our elderly parents both have need for social care and prefer to stay in the family home for as long as possible. Given the high costs of care homes, I feel that they and the State would benefit from free social care. It also provides an incentive to others to stay in their own homes whenever possible.

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

In the absence of legislation, care suppliers will charge whatever the market allows.

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?

Equity. Although I can appreciate this will be more difficult for local authorities with large rural catchment areas & low population density.

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

Yes

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 long as the Scottish government does not have tax raising powers, I can see that it could impose a huge financial burden on cash-strapped local authorities.

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