


# 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.)

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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)

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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**

Of course. People in need of support will choose to do without support rather than pay the huge charges out of their benefits. This can and does lead to further social exclusion, isolation and deterioration in mental status which in turn could lead to hospitalization, which is going to cost the country far more.

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**

Without legislation, regions will possibly opt for what appears the least expensive, short-term option.

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Yes

**What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?**

People deserve equality, without being forced/tempted to move to a region where charges are less.

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).**

It is ultimately more expensive to put people into care homes. Much better, if possible and practicable, that people stay in their own homes, in a familiar environment and be supported there.

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?

Yes it will cost money, but in the long-term hopefully save hospital or care home costs, which can be astronomical.

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*