

Proposed Bill to abolish charges for non-residential social care

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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

These services should be free for the same reasons that the NHS is free at point of delivery. They should not depend on an ability to pay. a caring society should be looking after the vulnerable. Many people including the elderly and others who need social care are already struggling with poverty. People should be enabled to continue living in the familiar surroundings of their own home if this is their choice. they shouldn't be forced to move into a residential home for financial reasons

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

It is necessary to deter unscrupulous companies from taking advantage of vulnerable people.

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?

There would be the same service available to all no matter where they lived. This would help to address inequalities related to area of residence. It will be very expensive but would provide numerous benefits not all of which can be measured in monetary terms.

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).

These services should not depend on an ability to pay. It is right that a humane and caring society should look after all those in need without exception

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 understand that it will be expensive but in the long term would help to alleviate financial pressures on the NHS which is already struggling to cope with an aging and chronically-ill population

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

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

I am certain that this Bill would help to address inequalities by directly tackling problems which are leaving people at a disadvantage physically and mentally

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

This Bill would help to tackle the health problems which are endemic in Scotland and which go hand-in-hand with poverty