

# 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.)

**Your name (mandatory)**

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**Name of your organisation (if applicable - otherwise leave blank)**

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**Your Job Title (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**

Residential social care is very costly. But even it was a cheaper option, people should be allowed to remain in their own homes should they choose to do so without being penalised. They should then be supported as required to guarantee a standard of living commensurate with being a citizen of Scotland.

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**

Local councils are stretched to the maximum, and sadly some councillors and council staff do not fulfil

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their role from a sense of caring. For some it is power, for some it is friendship, for some it is party politics. Unfair financial decisions are made for a myriad of reasons. Legislation focuses the mind in the right direction.

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?**

Different areas will make different demands. The demographic will vary.

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).**

If we need them, then they should be free.

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?

Something else will have to give. Perhaps this will force councils to do away with a lot of unnecessary street lights in rural villages.

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*