

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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Contact details (please provide at least one of: email, telephone number, postal address) (mandatory)

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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

Live in Avery rural region with high over sixty years old population. Public travel system very poor, fuel for cars more expensive than elsewhere. People who require social services are poorer here than anyone on equivalent income in an urban setting and find it hard to travel for considerable distances to towns where services might be centrally provided

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

Political changes can bring about rapid policy change on ideological grounds FS Legislation slows down

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and forces changes to be considered and reflected on y all parties.

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?

No

What do you think the advantages and disadvantages would be?

Rural areas have differs needs to central belt.

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

Undecided

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 impact on me personally

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.

Rural deprivation reduced. Impact on low income families reduced. Older people an maintain independence for longer.

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

No Response