

Consultation Questions

Question 1(a): Is paragraph 9 clear and easy to understand? (please tick)

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Question 1(b): Do you agree with the waiving of charging circumstances as set out in paragraph 9? (please tick)

No

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| Yes | No |
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Question 1(c): If you do not agree with the waiving of charging circumstances as set out in paragraph 9, please state your reasons below:

Line 1 – agree – Angus Council supports this view but believe this decision should fully rest with local authorities taking into consideration the resources available to them and should not be pre-determined at a national level.

Line 2 – agree.

Line 3 – do not agree – Disability Living Allowance covers the additional costs of everyday life associated with disability

Line 4 – do not agree – as above

Line 5 – do not agree. This discriminates against individuals who do not have any informal carers and are charged for services

Line 6 – all parents have responsibilities to ensure that their children are cared for when they are away undertaking other activities. These regulations must not undermine those responsibilities. Disability Living Allowance is aimed at meeting the additional costs of everyday life which arise from a child's disability.

Question 2(a): Are you content with the examples of support to carers and young carers, as set out in paragraph 10, where charges will be waived? (please tick)

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As a general principle we believe this approach undermines the requirement to provide support for carers, where local authorities choose to do so, using an SDS approach. Carers can determine how to spend resources made available to them,

providing their assessed needs and agreed outcomes are met. As a result the outcomes of the cared for person could be addressed at the same time. As a principle Angus Council agrees that charges/contributions should be waived, however we would argue that this decision should rest fully with the local authority taking into consideration the resources available to them and not be pre-determined at a national level.

Question 2(b): If you are not content, please state your reasons below:

We believe the list of activities cited is helpful when considering how SDS may be used for carers. We would argue that by adopting an SDS approach, carers can use the resources allocated to them in a flexible and creative way to meet their assessed needs and agreed outcomes.

Question 2(c): Are there further examples that you would like to add? (please tick)

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Question 2(d): If there are further examples that you would like to include in the list, please state these below and also set out your reasons for suggesting their inclusion.

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Question 3(a): Do you agree with the exceptional circumstances set out in paragraphs 12 (with examples) and 13 about support to carers to help pay for driving lessons and taxi fares? (please tick)

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Question 3(b): If you do not agree, please state your reasons below:

Using local authority resources to fund hospital transport is not appropriate. Where an individual has such difficulty attending hospital appointments this should be addressed by the NHS either through provision of NHS transport or through resource transfer / pooled budget with local partnership arrangements.

Question 4(a): Do you agree with the waiving of charges as set out in paragraphs 14 and 15 with regard to short breaks? (please tick)

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Question 4(b): If you do not agree, please set out your reasons below:

We are opposed to proposal that the whole costs of a short break should be met by the local authority. This creates unrealistic expectations about how far the public purse can be utilised to support carers' choices. The population as a whole incurs costs associated with everyday living, socialisation, engaging in the community in which we live. We would suggest that using an SDS approach carers can determine how resources allocated to them, can be used to meet their needs and agreed outcomes.

Question 5(a): Do you agree with the position set out in paragraph 16 that when the carer and cared-for person take a break together, then as well as waiving the cost of the break for the carer, the additional costs of the break to enable the break to take place will also be met by the local authority? (please tick)

No

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Question 5(b): If you do not agree, please state your reasons below:

The DWP currently provides a contribution towards the additional costs of everyday life associated with an individual's disability. Despite this if an individual chooses to spend their allocated resources in this way they would be able to using an SDS option providing that their assessed needs and agreed outcomes are met.

Question 6(a): Do you agree with the position set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 that local authorities will waive the cost of replacement care when they provide or commission replacement care in circumstances when others cannot provide replacement care free of charge? (please tick)

No

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Question 6(b): If you do not agree with the position, please set out your reasons below:

We believe this discriminates against those who have no informal carers who could be charged for services.

Question 7: Do you have any additional comments? If so, please use the space below to provide these further comments. Local authorities may wish to comment on any financial consequences arising from the Regulations. If so, please set out estimates of anticipated support to be provided to carers and cost estimates.

Angus Council agrees with Cosla's position that if the Scottish Government chooses to proceed with the proposed regulations as they stand, we would expect the full costs of this new policy to be met by the Scottish Government.

Question 8: Do you have any comments on the draft Regulations as set out in this Annex A? If so, please use the space below to set out these comments:

None

Thank you for completing this consultation. Please return your completed 'Respondent Information Form' and this 'Consultation Response Form' to alun.ellis@scotland.gsi.gov.uk by **Wednesday 10th July 2013**.