

Consultation Questions

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

Yes	No
	X

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

Yes	No
Mostly	

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:

Comments We support the response submitted to this consultation by the Scottish Young Carers Services Alliance. They have noted that very few young carers have been assessed under the 1995 Act – which is the gateway to providing services free of charge to young carers.

Paragraph 9 is not an easy read, particularly for service users and young people.

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)

Comments Yes – as long as this is not an exhaustive list. For young carers the cost of transport would be a useful example to include.

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

Comments

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

Yes	No
X	

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.

Comments See 2b

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)

Yes	No
	X

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

Comments The term special circumstances would be more appropriate here – exceptional suggests that this would be a rare situation. In reality, many parts of the country (not just rural) have limited public transport at suitable times. The benefits of using support to pay for driving lessons may be more than just creating a driver, but giving them increased confidence and enhancing their employment opportunities and independence.

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)

Yes	No
X	

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

Comments

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)

Yes	No
X	

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

Comments

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)

Yes	No
	X

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

Comments We do not agree that informal care from friends, neighbours etc should be the default position. This trivialises the skills and role of the carer in suggesting that anyone who happens to be free can pick up the caring duties in their absence. The person being cared for should also have some say in who is providing their care.

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.

Comments

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:

Comments

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**.