

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
x	

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:

The paragraph had to be read several times before we could understand them and even now not quite sure if charges will be made. We think that it means that a holiday taken with carers and cared for will be free to the carer but the cared for person will be asked to pay the cost of the holiday without the additional cost of their assessed needs (subject to the rule the Local authority may not charge more than it is practical for the person to pay).

All of the carers present at the carers forum meeting strongly agreed that the holiday's short breaks should not be charged for - they feel that they are saving the government billions of pounds by providing the care - for nothing - so they should be entitled to some time off. Many have had to give up work to care and are living on benefits and could not afford to pay for a holiday.

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)

Yes

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.

Child care costs - When the carers has responsibility for their own children as well as caring responsibilities providing child care would possible help reduce the physical and emotional stress and help with there health and wellbeing.

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

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

Think it has to be remembered that it is not only people living in rural area who have problem access public transport people living in towns and ities also hev problems.

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:

However it has to be remembered that friends, relative may not have the skills or experience to look after the cared for person so therefore it would not be suitable. Having to find replacement care could put undue pressure and stress on the carer.

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.

Our carers feel that while they agree with the waiving of charges for carers will they actually receive a service as the Local authority will need money to provide many of these things. There still remains no legal obligation for the local authority to provide support or services to carers even though they have been assessed as need some through carers assessment.

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**.