

Consultation Questions

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

Yes	No
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Question 1(b): Do you agree with the waiving of charging circumstances as set out in paragraph 9? (please tick)

Yes	No

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:

It needs to be clearer to be able to comment, because at the moment, it is difficult to understand exactly what is exempt from charge and what is not.

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)

Not completely.

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

Translation and interpretation service – will this include all communication support needs. For example, if the person needs an Electronic Notetaker or a Speech To Text Reporter if they are Deafened; a Guide/Communicator or someone proficient in the Deafblind Manual; as well as a BSL/English Interpreter or information provided in BSL on DVD?

Will charges be waived for language/communication support services that have to be booked to ensure all other support services are fully accessible?

Will the regulations and guidance be available on BSL, Moon and Braille without the carer having to ask for them?

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

Yes	No

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

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:

Not sure as to whether or not we agree or disagree to this. What happens if the carer is given paid for driving lessons and then comes to the Council for help purchasing and running a car? Would this also be seen as exceptional circumstances?

If the decision is taken to pay for driving lessons in exceptional circumstances, will accessible lessons be paid for too? Driving instructor who has Level 3 BSL or a BSL/English Interpreter for the duration of the lessons?

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

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

This needs to be clearer as we are unsure what is meant here.

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

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

This needs to be clearer as we are unsure what is meant here. What role does "means testing" have on the carer's assessment when it comes to breaks?

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

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

Again it is not clear what is meant here. A reliance on friends, relatives, neighbours or volunteers “muddies the water” a bit. Does this mean that the carer has to go to friends, relatives or neighbours to ask them to take over the caring responsibilities so that they (the carer) can have a break from caring? Finding volunteers – what does this mean? Applying to the local volunteer organisation or finding people who will volunteer to provide the care their loved one needs? If so, then it is putting an unacceptable onus on carers.

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.

The whole set of proposals are not clear. They need to be set out in a way that makes it clear when charges could be made and when charges will waived and when “means testing” will be applied if it is. Because of the lack of clarity, it has made it very difficult to make decide if we agree or not with the proposals.

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:

No

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**.