

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

The Carer's Assessment: Carer's Support Plan

Question 1: Should we change the name of the carer's assessment to the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments: Some carers feel they are being "judged" in some negative way when they are being assessed.

Question 2: Should we remove the substantial and regular test so that all carers will be eligible for the Carer's Support Plan?

Yes No

Comments: Carers are carers and time spent caring is important no matter how much.

Question 3: Should we remove that part of the existing carer assessment process whereby the cared-for person is a person for whom the local authority must or may provide community care services/children's services?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 4: Should we introduce two routes through to the Carer's Support Plan – at the carer's request and by the local authority making an offer?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 5: Should we remove from statute the wording about the carer's ability to provide care?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 6: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to inform the carer of the length of time it is likely to take to receive the Carer's Support Plan and if it exceeds this time, to be advised of the reasons?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 7: How significant an issue is portability of assessment for service users and carers?

Comments:

Question 8: Should the Scottish Government and COSLA with relevant interests work together to take forward improvements to the portability of assessment?

Yes

No

Comments:

Information and Advice

Question 9: Should we introduce a duty for local authorities to establish and maintain a service for providing people with information and advice relating to the Carer's Support Plan and support for carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments: Information should be accessible and be age appropriate with non jargon language and be updated regularly.

Question 10: Should we repeal section 12 of the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002 about the submission of Carer information Strategies to Scottish Ministers, subject to reassurances, which are subject in turn to Spending Review decisions, about the continuation of funding to Health Boards for support to carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments: But the government should continue to fund information and advice services.

Support to Carers (other than information and advice)

Question 11: Should we introduce a duty to support carers and young carers, linked to an eligibility framework?

Yes

No

Comments: Vital that the framework would be consistent with GIRFEC

Question 12: Alternatively, should we retain the existing discretionary power to support carers and young carers?

Yes

No

Comments: However Authorities must also have a duty of care to young carers who do not meet the eligibility criteria.

Question 13: Should we introduce a duty to provide short breaks?

Yes

No

Comments: Short breaks are imperative to the health and wellbeing of a carer. Thus enabling them to carry on their caring role successfully.. They are also a way to young carers having the right to be a child and enjoy being a child. However not all carers want short breaks, so it should be led by choice and individual circumstance.

Stages and Transitions

Question 14: Should we issue statutory guidance on the Carer's Support Plan which will include guidance for those undertaking the Carer's Support Plan on managing stages of caring? This would apply to adult carers only. (For young carers, practice guidance will be developed to support management of a Child's Plan through the stages of caring).

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 15: Should new carers' legislation provide for young carers to have a Carer's Support Plan if they seem likely to become an adult carer? Any agreed support recorded in the Carer's Support Plan would be put in place after the young carer becomes a (young) adult carer.

Yes

No

Comments: It would be helpful if young carer and adult carer services work with

the young carer together to help the transition for a period prior to their 18th birthday.

Carer Involvement

Question 16: Should there be carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for the people they care for and support for carers in areas outwith the scope of integration?

Yes No

Comments: Definitely but in young carers this should be guided by the child's age and stage of development and understanding of their caring role.

Question 17: Should we make provision for the involvement of carers' organisations in the planning, shaping and delivery of services and support falling outwith the scope of integration?

Yes No

Comments:

Question 18: Should we establish a principle about carer and young carer involvement in care planning for service users (subject to consent) and support for themselves in areas not covered in existing legislation?

Yes No

Comments: Carers are equal partners in providing care

Question 19: What are your views on making provision for young carer involvement in the planning, shaping and delivery of services for cared-for people and support for young carers?

Comments: Young carers should have a say and be kept in the loop at all times when planning services around the people they care for as the outcome will have a large impact on them as individuals. However considerations need to be taken into account that some young carers feel they are letting the person they are caring for down when they may have to get extra support or respite to help them in their caring role.

Planning and Delivery

Question 20: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that a local authority and each relevant Health Board must collaborate and involve relevant organisations and carers in the development of local carers strategies which must be kept under review and updated every three years?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 21: Should we introduce statutory provision to the effect that local authorities with Health Boards must take steps to ensure, in so far as is reasonably practicable, that a sufficient range of services is available for meeting the needs for support to carers and young carers in the area?

Yes

No

Comments: Has to be a collation of local and national information and services available which needs to be updated regularly.

Identification

Question 22: Should there be no legislative provision for GPs or local authorities to maintain a Carers Register in order to support the identification of carers?

Yes

No

Comments: Not all carers wish to be called or identified as carers. It is an individual choice. However it should be an informed choice having looked at information about carers and being able to recognise if they are one or not.

Question 23: Should the Scottish Government ensure that good practice is widely spread amongst Health Boards about the proactive use of Registers of Carers within GP practices?

Yes

No

Comments:

Question 24: Should the Scottish Government ask Health Boards to monitor compliance with the core contractual elements of the GP contract?

Yes

No

Comments:

Carer and Cared-for Person(s) in Different Local Authority Areas

Question 25: What are the views of respondents on the lead local authority for undertaking the Carer's Support Plan and agreeing support to the carer where the carer lives in a different local authority area to the cared-for person(s)?

Comments: Both Authorities involved should have a duty to agree to share the

support to the carer.

Question 26: What are the views of respondents on which local authority should cover the costs of support to the carer in these circumstances?

Comments: Both should have a duty to cover the cost.

Question 27: Should the Scottish Government with COSLA produce guidance for local authorities?

Yes

No

Comments: