

Consultation summary Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014



Paying towards Direct
Payments and choosing a

care home



Part 5

Paying a charge for care and support



Rules and information about how to do what the Act says



Easy Read version



Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014



The new Act is about social care in Wales.



The Act starts in April 2016.



As well as the Act, there are:



rules. We call the rules
 Regulations.



 information on how to do what the law says, called Codes of Practice or Statutory Guidance.



How we did this work



We listened to experts from all over Wales.



Then we wrote our ideas.



Now we want to know what everyone thinks.



The new Act has a lot of Parts.

Each Part is about something different.



Between May to July 2015, we are asking what everyone thinks about the rules for:



Part 4

Paying towards Direct Payments and choosing a care home



and

Part 5

Paying a charge for care and support



Part 6

Children in care and care leavers





Part 9



Working Together



Part 10



Advocacy



Part 4 and Part 5



Part 4 is about Direct Payments and says that local councils can ask some people to pay towards their care and support.





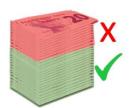
Part 4 is also about people being able to choose the care home they would like to live in.



Part 5 is about when local councils can charge a person for care and support.



A local council can only charge:



 up to the cost of providing the service



what the person can afford



Rules about paying towards Direct Payments and paying for care and support



Local councils will use the same rules to work out:



 what someone pays for care and support



 what someone pays towards their support if they get Direct Payments



Rules about choosing a care home

People can choose which care home they would like to live in.



If the care home is more expensive than the local council usually pays, someone else might have to pay the extra cost.



Rules about charging people for care and support



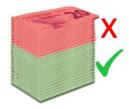
In the new Act, local councils can choose whether to charge for care and support.



The rules and information about how to do what the Act says:



there is one set of rules to work
 out how much people must pay,
 whatever kind of care and
 support they have



 there will still be a maximum each week. No-one will pay more than this



£24,000

 a person with more than £24,000 must pay the full cost if they live in a care home



 people can still get 6 weeks of home care for free if they have been in hospital



 no-one can be charged for information or advice



 local councils can charge for helping people to find and use services



 local councils must make sure everyone knows what they are being charged, and why



Rules about paying later



Some people have their own home. Then they go into a care home and leave the house empty.



These people have to pay for the care home.



But it can sometimes take time to sell a house.



So the local council can pay a person's care homes costs until the house is sold.



Then when the person sells their house, the local council gets their money back.

The rules will say how local councils will do this.



Local councils can charge interest on the payments they have made for a person's care home costs.



Rules about checking if the charge is right



At the moment, there is a way to check if the charge is right for the care and support a person gets at home.



The new rules will make sure a person can **also** check the charge for care home costs and the charge towards Direct Payments.