



Consultation summary

Social Services and

Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

Part 4



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.