**Charging for Non-residential Care and Support: raising the weekly maximum charge**

Raising the weekly maximum charge

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**Proposed change to the maximum weekly charge for non-residential care and support services**

**Question 1.1**: The maximum weekly charge increase during the 2024/25 financial year is proposed to account for the increased rates of inflation seen across the UK and beyond, and to ensure local authorities have sufficient funding to maintain the care and support services they provide, and the quality of it.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal to increase the non-residential maximum weekly charge balances the need to help raise additional income for local authorities to meet increasing cost pressures with being fair and affordable for people in receipt of non-residential care and support services?

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Neither agree nor disagree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

**Question 1.2**: We would like to know your views on the appropriate amount by which to raise the maximum weekly charge for non-residential care and support services. The amount is currently set at £100 per week.

What amount, if any, would you increase this by per recipient?

* £15 uplift
* £20 uplift
* £25 uplift

Please provide a description of why you feel that amount is appropriate.

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**Question 1.3**: We would like to know your views on the proposed change to the [code of practice on charging for social care services](https://www.gov.wales/code-practice-charging-social-care-services).

For clarity to the reader, we propose to update paragraph 5.1 of the Code to add reference to the amendment regulations that we propose to bring into force in 2024. Any revision to the Code is dependent on amendment regulations being made in 2024, following this consultation process.

Please indicate if you agree or disagree with the proposed change to the Code and describe why you feel that way.

* Strongly agree
* Agree
* Neither agree nor disagree
* Disagree
* Strongly disagree

Reason:

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**Impact and outcomes**

The Integrated Impact Assessment and Regulatory Impact Assessment are still being developed given that the proposal it covers are still in draft form and is subject to consultation and therefore further revision.

**Question 2.1**: We would like to know your views on Section 1 of the Integrated Impact Assessment. Are there any specific areas where you feel further detail is required, or any specific issues you wish to highlight which may have an impact on a specific group?

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**Question 2.2**: We would like to know your views on Section 4 of the Integrated Impact Assessment. Are there any specific areas where you feel further detail is required, or any specific issues you wish to highlight which may have an impact on a specific group?

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**Question 2.3**: We would like to know your views on Section 8 of the Integrated Impact Assessment. Are there any specific areas where you feel further detail is required, or any specific issues you wish to highlight which may have an impact on a specific group?

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**Question 2.4:** We would like to know your views on the initial Regulatory Impact Assessment. Are there any specific costs and / or benefits where you feel further detail is required, or any specific issues you wish to highlight which may have an impact on a specific group?

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**The below questions are specifically in relation to the Welsh language.**

**Question 2.5**: What, in your opinion, would be the likely effects of the proposed increase to the maximum weekly charge for adult non-residential care and support services on the Welsh language?  We are particularly interested in any likely effects on opportunities to use the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English.

Do you think that there are opportunities to promote any positive effects?

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Do you think that there are opportunities to mitigate any adverse effects?

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**Question 2.6**: In your opinion, could the proposed increase to the maximum weekly charge for adult non-residential care and support services be formulated or changed so as to:

* have positive effects or more positive effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English; or
* mitigate any negative effects on using the Welsh language and on not treating the Welsh language less favourably than English?

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**Open-ended question**

**Question 3.1**: Thank you for taking the time to answer our specific questions. If you have any additional thoughts on the proposal, please use this space to report them.

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