

## Charging for care and support – consultation response form

Before completing this form, please read the consultation document which we have provided.

Each question below relates to a section in the document and the question number is highlighted for your convenience.

You can also complete this form online at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/carechargesconsultation](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/carechargesconsultation)

You can also write to us at: Care charges consultation, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF  
Or email us at: [carechargesconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:carechargesconsultation@northumberland.gov.uk)

Q1. If you have **general comments** on whether the Council should change its care and support charging policy to help it make budget savings, please tell us about these below.

Q2. If you have suggestions about savings which the Council could make, or ways in which it could increase its income from other sources, to avoid the need for increased charges for care and support services, please tell us about these below:

Q3. If you have comments on the proposed changes to **disability-related expenditure allowances**, please tell us about these below.

Q4. If you have comments on the proposed change to charges for **people who are part of a couple**, please tell us about these below.

Q5. If you have comments on the proposed change to charges for **people in rural areas**, please tell us about these below.

Q6. If you have comments on the proposed change to charges for **day services**, please tell us about these below.

Q7. If you have comments on the proposal to end the **discount for people who pay by Direct Debit**, please tell us about these below.

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Q8. If you have comments on the proposal to introduce **administrative fees** for people who ask us to arrange services when they could afford to make their own arrangements, please tell us about these below.

Q9. If you think that the Council's proposals would have **unfair impacts on some particular groups of people**, please explain below why you think this and how you think the proposals could be changed to avoid it.

Q10. If you think that the Council should revise its policy to **reduce the charges that some people have to pay**, please explain below what changes you would like to see, how you think these should be paid for, and why you think this would be fairer.

**About you**

**Q11. Please tell us if you are:**

- Someone who gets care and support services from the county council
- A parent or carer of someone who gets care and support services from the county council
- A relative or friend of someone who gets social care support from the county council
- An interested resident
- Responding on behalf of a community group / organisation. Please state which organisation. ....
- Other

PLEASE TICK AS MANY AS APPLY

**Q12. Do you currently pay towards your care services or support?**

- Yes, pay all costs
- Yes, pay some of the costs
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable

**Q13. Please tell us your postcode, up to the first digit after the space, e.g. NE65 7.**

**Q14. Would you be prepared to give us some information for Equality monitoring?** (All responses are anonymous):

If yes, please complete the attached and return with this form.

Thank you very much for your feedback. Your comments will be collated into a report to help inform the final decision making process.