

CHANGES TO CHARGES FOR CARE AND SUPPORT FROM MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK



There is a charge for some of the help and support that people get from Social Work in Midlothian.



Sometimes the Council provides this support. Sometimes other people provide the support.

The Council has to ask people to pay towards their support because:



- There is a limited amount of money we have to spend.
- There are more and more people who need support services.
- We want to make sure that we can keep providing services for people.

The money each person has to pay depends on:



- The type of support that they get.
- How much money they have (capital).
- How much money people get from week to week (income).

At present only a small number of people have to pay for their support. If people do have to pay it is usually only a small amount.

CHANGES TO CHARGES FOR SUPPORT






Now Midlothian Council is planning to:

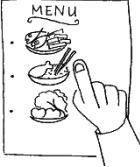

- Increase some of the charges
- Charge for more of its support services



**EVERY YEAR SOME THINGS THAT PEOPLE PAY FOR
GO UP IN PRICE**


These are the changes for 2012/13

<p>Help in Your Own Home</p> 	<p>This will go up from £9.00 to £9.45 for an hour</p>
<p>Living in A Care Home</p> 	<p>You will be left with an allowance of £22.30</p>
<p>Individual Day Care</p> 	<p>This will go up from £9.00 to £9.45 for an hour</p>
<p>Respite and Short Breaks</p> 	<p>Up to the full cost of the service</p>
<p>Meals Sent to Your House</p> 	<p>This will go up from £2.10 to £2.20 for a meal</p>

<p>Meals in Day Centres and Community Day Services</p> 	<p>£2.50 for a meal at Cherry Road and Community Day Services</p> <p>£3.50 in day care for older people</p>
<p>Gardening Services</p> 	<p>The cost for cutting the grass on a small to medium sized lawn will go up from £108 a year to £115.</p> <p>The cost of cutting a hedge will be £460 per year.</p>

THERE WILL BE A CHARGE FOR SOME THINGS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT PAY FOR NOW

These are the new charges

<p>Transport to your Support Service</p>	<p>There will be a charge of £1.00 for each day. There will be an assessment to work out if people are able to pay.</p>
<p>Telecare and Community Alarm Service</p> 	<p>There will be a charge of £2.00 for each week. Every person who uses Telecare or the Community Alarm Service will have to pay this.</p>

Day Services



There will be a charge of £2.00 for each half day for Day Services

There will be an assessment to work out if people are able to pay.

THERE WILL BE A CHANGE TO THE WAY WE WORK OUT SOME OF THE CHARGES

We work out how much people have to pay for their help and support. This is called a **FINANCIAL ASSESSMENT**.



There are going to be two main changes to the Financial Assessment.

The **INCOME** of a Husband or Wife or Partner



We will not count any income that a person's husband or wife or partner gets when we work out what they have to pay.

Dependent Children going to College or University



We will count money that people have to pay for their children going to college or university

THINGS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR

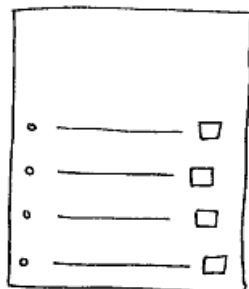
These things will not change.

Free Personal Care






If you are over 65 there is no charge for personal care tasks.

Community Care Orders and Supervision Orders



If you have a mental health problem and you are on a Community Care Order or Supervision Order there will be no charge.

<p>Leaving Hospital</p> 	<p>If you are leaving hospital and need new services there will be no charge for six weeks.</p>
<p>Rapid Response Service</p> 	<p>If you need new support from the RAPID RESPONSE SERVICE there will be no charge for six weeks.</p>
<p>Aids and Adaptations</p> 	<p>There will be no charge for small aids and changes to your home.</p>

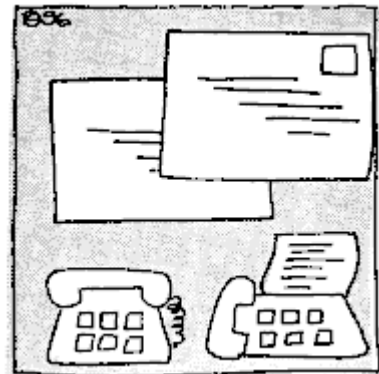
THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK CHARGING POLICY

There is more about charges for Social Work Services in the Midlothian Council Social Work charging policy.



It says more about how we work out what people have to pay for their support.

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WE WANT TO ASK YOU WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHANGES

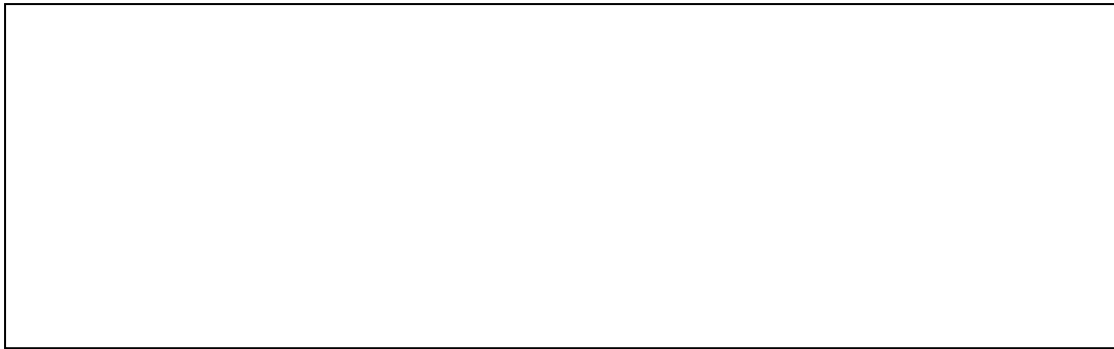
The Council is charging for services to make sure that we can carry on providing good quality community care services for people.

We want to make the charges fair for everybody.



1/ Do you think that charging for services is the right way to make sure that we can carry on providing good community care services?

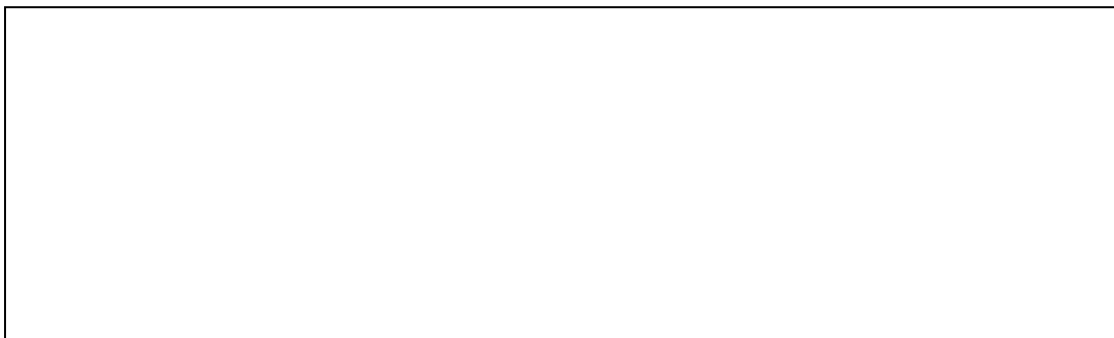
2/ Do you think there are other ways that the Council could pay for Community Care Services?

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3/ Do you think we could make the charges more fair?

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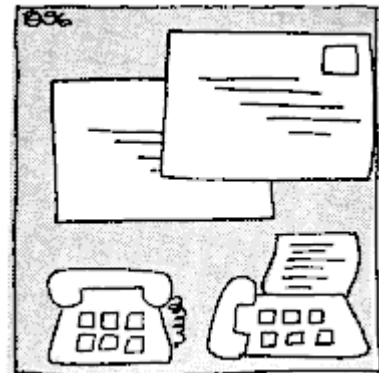
4/ Do you think the charges will affect some people more than others?

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5/ Is there anything else you would like to say about the Council's plans to charge for services?

Please send your answers to:

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