

Questionnaire

Have Your Say

On the changes we would like to make to how we work out what people will pay for their adult social care

Let us know what you think by 12 April 2016



EasyRead Version



Before you begin

Some of the things in this paper are not easy to understand.

You may need some help from someone to read it.

Who ?



Let us know what you think if you:

- Receive help from the council for your care and support needs and live in your own home
- Care for someone who gets help for their care and support needs from the council and lives in their own home
- Anyone who may have to pay for their care and support in the future



What is this about?

We want to find out what you think about changes we want to make. This change is how much money we allow people who have a disability and live at home.



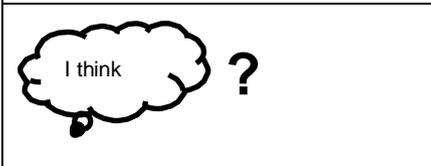
What ideas do we have to make the changes?

The council has 2 ideas: -

1. The council wants to change the amount of money they give if someone has a disability; and
2. Change which special items should be included by the council to help someone with their disability.

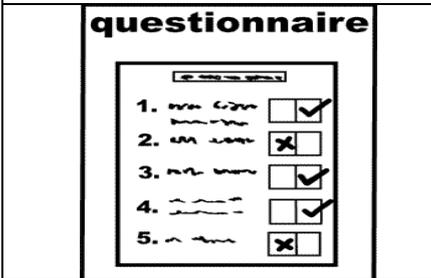


No changes will be made until the City Mayor and his Executive Team have looked at what people have said about the ideas.



How to let us know what you think

There are different ways to tell us what you think:



You can fill in this questionnaire.



When you have finished please send the questionnaire in the envelope that has already been stamped and addressed.

If you use the envelope given to you it does not need a stamp.

The questionnaire can be sent to :

Disability Related Expenses Consultation
 Bosworth House, 1st floor
 Leicester City Council
 1 Grey Friars, Leicester, LE1 5PH



If you want it in a different format such as large print, please call our helpline on **0116 454 4400**.



You can also email us at dreconsultation@leicester.gov.uk



You can also tell us what you think by visiting our website at <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/adult-social-care-health-and-housing/dre>

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We would like to hear from you by **12 April 2016**

We will write to you when the City Mayor and his Executive Team has made a decision. This is expected to be sometime in late spring 2016.

Question 1

Please tick the box that applies to you

If you are filling this in on behalf of someone else please tick the box that applies to them

a)	I live at home and get help with care and support from Leicester City Council (Adult Social Care)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	I am the carer or representative of someone who gets help with care and support from the council (Adult Social Care)	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	I belong to an organisation that works with vulnerable adults in Leicester	<input type="checkbox"/>
d)	Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>

The next questions will try and find out what you think of the ideas and how they might change the way you live.

Before each question we will tell you what happens now, and then tell you what our idea is.

The questions are on the next page:

Section A

Idea 1: To reduce the amount a person is allowed for a disability to a minimum of £10.00 per week

What happens now:

The Council checks the money people have, and work out if they are able to pay some money for the support they need by doing a **financial assessment**

Financial assessment is when the council looks at all the money you have coming in.

From this, the council will be able to work out a fair amount for each person to pay for their services. The amount each person pays will be different for each person.

Some people may have to pay for many of their services. Some people may only have to pay for a few or none of their services.

Some people need to have more money because they have a disability or a special requirement. The council allows a minimum of £20 per week for a single person and a minimum of £15 for a person who is one of a couple.

The council does let people have more than the set amount, if they can show they spend more money than the council is allowing.

The idea: what we want to change

The council wants to change the amount they let people have with a disability to a minimum of **£10.00 per week**.

Why? We have worked out that most people who have a disability spend about £7.50 a week for their disability.

We think by setting the money closer to what people normally spend will make it fair for everyone.

What does this mean? This would mean everyone would be treated the same, if they are single or part of a couple.

What if my disability costs are more? We will let people have more than the set amount. They will need to show they spend more we allow for their disabilities, like special equipment

Idea 1: A minimum of £10 per week for everyone

The new rate would help the council spend its money better and let the council help more people who need help living with a disability.

Question 2

(Please tick the box that applies)

Idea 1: What do you think about less money being allowed for money spent on items for a disability to a minimum of £10 per week, per person.

(If you are filling this in on behalf of someone else please tick the box that applies to them)

a)	 I like Idea 1 This would mean everyone is treated the same if they are single or part of a couple, so this is fairer A minimum of £10 is nearer to the £7.50 most people might pay for items to live with a disability.	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	 I do not like Idea 1 This means there would be no change. The council will carry on paying a minimum of £20 a week for a single person £15.00 if they are in a couple.	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	I do not have a view	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us why you like or do not like the idea and any other thoughts you may have

Section B

Idea 2: To change the list of items that we count as disability related expenses

What happens now:

The council has a list of items that are counted as disability related expenses to help them with their disability.

This list is used when the council checks the money people have. It is used to work out if they are able to pay some money for the support they need.

The same list is used when a person says they spend more money than the council gives on items to help them with their disability.

Example

If someone says they have extra expenses of £24 a week because of their disability, the council will ask them for more information. This is because it is over the minimum of £20 amount the council will pay.

The person will have to write down all the different items they need each week and what they cost.

The council then checks this with the list.

The council then decides if the items are allowed. If they are, the council will pay all the money of £24.

The Idea: what we want to change

The council wants to change the list of items that it uses for disability related expenses

Why?

The list of items used for disability related expenses was written a long time ago. It needs to be looked at again.

The council thinks items that are given by the NHS should not be on the list.

Also, if the item is given as part of an Adult Social Care support package, the council does not think it should be included.

The list is a guide that covers most items used for disabilities.

What will the change mean?

The council will take items given by the NHS off the list. Items given as part of someone's Adult Social Care support package will be taken off the list.

If this change is agreed, these items will be taken off the list. They will not count as disability related expenditure.

The council will always consider other items that a person tells them they need because of a disability.

If the change is agreed, the council **will still keep** the following items on the list: -

Extra gas, electricity, water	Community alarm
Extra laundry	Special foods or drinks
Communication including internet	Equipment not provided by anyone else
Travel costs where these are above the levels of support from other benefits	Clothing and bedding wear and tear
Gardening	

Question 3

(Please tick the box that applies)

The council would not allow money on the following items, which are given by the NHS if they are essential: -

Wheelchairs, specialist beds and chairs, incontinence aids (these are items that help you if you can't get to the toilet on time) and chiropody (this is when you have to see someone for your feet and toenail problems).

a)	 I like this idea The council should not allow expenses for things already provided by the NHS	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	 I do not like this Idea Things should stay as they are now	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	I do not have a view	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us why you like or do not like this idea and any other thoughts

Question 4

(Please tick the box that applies)

The council would not allow money on the following items, which are provided by the council or included as part of a person's support package.

Stair lifts, hoists, help with shopping, companion costs (that is someone who travels with you to get to places).

a)	 I like this idea Money should not be allowed for items already provided by the Council as part of a support package	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	 I do not like this Idea Things should stay as they are now	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	I do not have a view	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us why you like or do not like this idea and any other thoughts you may have

Section C

Questions about how you may be affected

Almost half of the people who can have adult social care would not have to pay any more towards their care if change was agreed.

This is because their income (the money they have coming in) is too low or they are paying the full cost of their services.

If the changes were made

Some people could start paying for the first time. Some people who already pay towards their care may pay more each week.

Nobody would have to pay more than £10.00 extra a week.

We want to understand how people would be affected by change if they had to pay £10 a week more.

If you had **letter A**, please answer **question 5**

If you had **letter B**, go to **question 6**

Question 5

(Please tick the box that applies)

If you were asked to pay £10 a week more towards your care, how do you think this would affect you?



a)	 I would be able to pay this	<input type="checkbox"/>
b)	The change would affect me a little. This could affect how much I have for extras or treats	<input type="checkbox"/>
c)	The change would affect me a lot. This could affect how much I have for important things 	<input type="checkbox"/>
d)	I would think about whether I want to carry on getting help from Adult Social Care	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us anything else about how you think you may be affected

Why we have to make the changes

The council has a lot less money to provide services than it used to. There are more people who need care services.

We need to spend public money carefully.

The ideas we have had would save money and it would help us spend the money wisely and fairly.

Question 6

If we do not bring in these changes, do you have any other ideas on what Adult Social Care could do to save money?

In order to meet your needs and improve service we need to know a bit more about you. Please help us by completing this form. This information is confidential.

Ethnic Background

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Asian or Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> | Black or Black British | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> | African | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> | Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> | Somali | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other Asian background | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other Black background | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Please state)_____ | | (Please state)_____ | |

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Dual / Multiple Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> | White | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White & Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> | British | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White & Black African | <input type="checkbox"/> | European | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| White & Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> | Irish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other heritage background | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other White background | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (Please state)_____ | | (Please state)_____ | |

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| Other ethnic group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gypsy / Romany / Irish traveller | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any other Chinese background | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other ethnic group | <input type="checkbox"/> | (Please state)_____ | |
| (Please state)_____ | | | |

Prefer not to say

Gender

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Age

- | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 85-94 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 95+ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 55-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Religion & Belief

- | | | | | | |
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| Bahai | <input type="checkbox"/> | Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> | No Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Prefer not to say

Other

(Please state) _____

Disability

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and has lasted or is likely to last for at least 12 months. Since 2005 people with HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis (MS) and severe disfigurement are covered by the DDA.

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

Yes No
 Prefer not to say

If you have answered **YES** to the previous above, please state the type of impairment that applies to you. People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may need to tick more than one box. If none of the categories apply, please tick 'Other' and state the type of impairment.

Head injury <input type="checkbox"/> 	Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> (deafness, severe hearing impairment)
Learning difficulty or disability <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. Down's syndrome, dyslexia, autism)	Mental health <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. depression, schizophrenia)
Mobility <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. using a wheelchair)	Physical impairment <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. difficulty using your arms)
Visual <input type="checkbox"/> (blindness, severe visual impairment)	Long-standing illness or health condition <input type="checkbox"/> (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, epilepsy)
Other <input type="checkbox"/> (please state) <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-top: 5px;"/>	Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>

The information you have provided will be kept in accordance with terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 and will only be used for the purpose of monitoring. Your details will not be passed on to any other individual, organisation or group. Leicester City Council is the data controller for the information on this form for the purposes of the Data Protection Act.

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Your views and comments are important to us. Please return this questionnaire by **12th April 2016** to:

DRE Consultation
Bosworth House (1st floor)
Leicester City Council
1 Grey Friars
Leicester
LE1 5PH

You do not need a stamp if you are using the pre-paid envelope.

We will write to you again when the decision is made. We expect this to be in late spring.