

Charging policy consultation

Finding out what people think about paying towards care



Social care costs a **lot of money**

Some people can **afford to pay** some money towards the cost of their care



A financial assessment looks at **how much money** someone has and if they can afford to pay anything for their care

The **government** decides how the assessment works



Councils all over the country have to try to **save money**

They also have to keep on giving people **good services**



We want to make sure that we are **treating people fairly**

The **charging policy** is about how we decide **what people are able to pay**

It is also about the **costs** for **different kinds of care**



We are planning to make some **changes** to the charging policy

We have thought hard about how the changes might **affect people** with different needs



We want to hear **what you think**

The changes mean that **some people will pay less** for their care

But **most people will pay more**

We will make sure each person is getting all the **benefits** they should have



These changes mean we will have more money to **support the people who really need care** and support



About you

please tick **one box**



I **get support** from Adult Social care

I am the **carer** of the person who gets support

I am a **friend or relative** of the person who gets support

I am a **member of the public**

I am a **health or social care** professional

I am responding on behalf of an **organisation:**

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Other

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Do you (or the person you support)
pay something for social care?

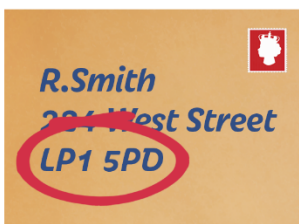
Please tick **one box**

yes

no

I don't know

I don't get social care



We want to know how the changes affect
people who live in **different areas** of Sutton

Please tell us the **first 3 letters** of your
postcode

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How did you **find out** about this consultation?

Please **tick** one box



An email or letter from **Sutton Council**



From a **friend** or **family**



From **social care staff**



From an **organisation**



From Sutton council **website**

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From Sutton Scene **newsletter**



From **social media**



From **somewhere else**

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Proposal 1

Paying for **assistive technology**



Assistive technology means sensors and **equipment that help people** who struggle with everyday activities

It can also help **alert someone** if there is a problem



It means that people are able to **live well at home** for longer



Sutton Council pays for most of the cost

More people are using assistive technology, so it **costs the council more**

We could **charge people** who have been assessed and are **able to pay** for their own care the full cost



The cost would be **£8.57 a week**

It would also cost **£33.95 to join the service**

People who already get funding for care would **not have to pay**



Would this affect **you** or the person you care for?

yes

no



Tell us about **how** it would affect you



What would **help** you?

Do you have any **other ideas**?

Proposal 2 Paying for night care



At the moment, people who get the **higher rate** Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance also get a **Night Care Allowance**

but **not everyone** needs night care



We could **stop** giving **Night Care Allowance**

We would only give money to **people who need night care**



We would have a **new system** so people can ask for the right amount of money for their night care

People who need night care will **still get support**. The money will be used better



Would this affect you or the person you care for?

yes

no



Tell us about **how** it would affect you



What would **help** you?

Do you have any **other ideas**?

Proposal 3 Paying for appointeeship services



An appointee is a person or organisation who **manages someone's benefits**

This happens when the person is **not able** to manage things for themselves



The appointee has to be registered with the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**



The council **helps 200 people** with appointeeships. We have not charged for this service before

Now we **can't afford** to give a free service



We could ask **people who have more than £3000** to **pay** something towards it

People who have less than £3000 will **not have to pay**

Each year we could charge



- **3.5% of savings** if the person has between £3,000 and £20,300
- **£824** if the person has savings of more than £20,300

Would this affect you or the person you care for?



yes

no

Tell us about **how** it would affect you



What would **help** you?

Do you have any **other ideas**?



Is there **anything else** you want to say?



Thank you for filling in this form

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