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Adult Social Care Contributions Consultation



Nottinghamshire County Council wants to know what you think about paying some money for your care and support.

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You need to let us know by
25 September 2018

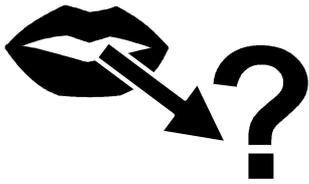


Nottinghamshire County Council are thinking about changing their current policy around contributions. This is called a consultation.



A **contribution** is a payment to share the cost of something.

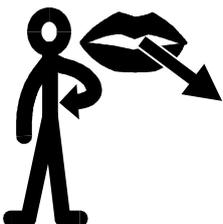
An example is: everyone paying a contribution to a gift or a group holiday.



A **consultation** is a discussion or giving your thoughts on an issue.



The Council is asking you because they think this is an important issue. They want to know what you think.



Your answers will help the Council make a decision about their new contributions policy.



Why is the Council asking this?



The Council is getting less money from the Government.

This means the Council does not always have enough money to pay for the services people need.



There is less money but more people need care and support.



In 2017, the Council made a decision that not all benefits were used to decide how much someone needs to contribute to their care and support costs.



The Council wants to follow what the Government says about how much people pay in contributions.

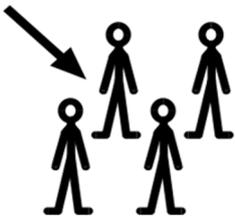


Nottinghamshire County Council think that looking at contributions again could save money.

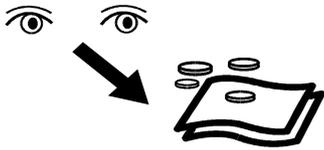


Other Council's like Leicestershire and Sheffield already do this.





This will mean that more people can have care and support in the future.



The new policy wants to include the higher rate of benefits that people get to decide on your contribution for care and support.

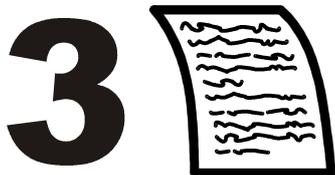
This does not include your Disability Living Allowance for Mobility.



This will mean that some people will have to pay more.



The Council will still check that people can afford to pay this.



There are 3 examples that could help you understand what the changes might mean.



Please answer the questions honestly.



Question 1:

The Council want to include higher rate benefits when making a decision around contributions. Do you agree?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither agree nor disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't know



Question 2 is about Living Costs.

The Government says that people need a minimum amount of money to live on to pay for things like food and bills. The Government calls this the **Minimum Income Guarantee**.

£189.00

At the moment, the Council has only one rate for this. It is £189.00 per week.

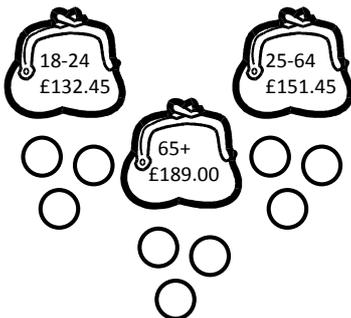


In Nottinghamshire, anyone with a disability has an extra allowance of £20 per week to pay for any bills because of their disability.



The Government says that there can be 3 rates for different ages.

18 – 24 years old £132.45 per week



25 – 64 years old £151.45 per week

65 years old and over £189.00 per week

This change would mean that people under 65 years old might need to pay more for their care and support.



Question 2:

The Council wants to use these 3 rates. Do you agree?



Strongly Agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Don't know



Question 3:

If the Council changed the policy to include higher rate benefits and had 3 different rates, how would it change things for you?



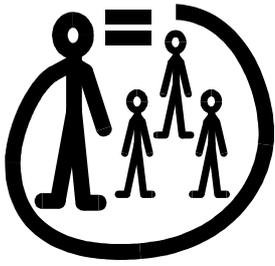
Question 4:

What extra support would you need if Council made these changes?



Question 5:

Do you have anything else to say about this policy?

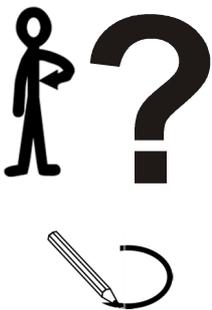


Equality Monitoring

Nottinghamshire County Council needs to make sure that everyone has had a chance to say what they think. To do this they need to ask questions about you.



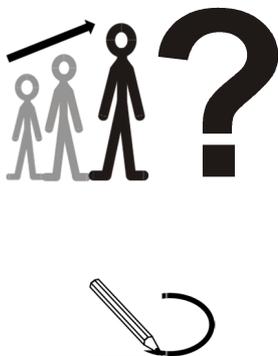
This information is confidential and they will not share it. It is only used to know how many people were part of the consultation.



Question 6:

Who are you?

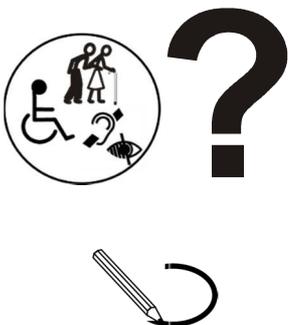
- a. Service user
- b. Relative, carer or a friend of a service user
- c. Member of general public



Question 7:

How old are you?

- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- Over 65



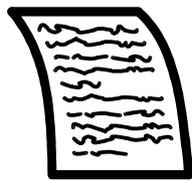
Question 8:

Do you have a long term illness or disability?

Yes

No

- Mobility or physical Disability
- Mental Health
- Auditory Impairment
- Speech Difficulties
- Visual Impairment
- Learning Disability
- Other (please specify)



Examples

These help tell how the new policy would change for people

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Example 1 - Angela

Angela is 32 and has a learning disability. She lives at home with her family. She has support at home and goes to day service.



Under the current policy, Angela doesn't pay any contribution.

Under the new policy because she is under 65, it will include a lower rate for her income and her Disability Living Allowance amount is included.

Angela now needs to pay a contribution of £24.80 for her care from her own money.

Current Policy		New Policy	
Care costs	£461.12	Care costs	£461.12
Benefit allowance	£88.05	Benefit allowance	£59.75
Extra allowance	£20.00	Extra allowance	£20.00
Minimum Income Guarantee	£189.00	Minimum Income Guarantee	£151.45
Contribution	No	Contribution	Yes

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Example 2 - Richard

Richard is 50 and has a physical disability. He lives on his own in a rented flat. He goes to day service 4 days per week.



Under the current NCC policy, Richard pays a contribution of £16.40 for his day care out of his own money.

Under the new policy because he is under 65, it will include a lower rate for his income and his Disability Living Allowance amount is included.

Richard now needs to pay a contribution of £53.95 towards his care.

Current Policy		New Policy	
Care costs	£138.80	Care costs	£138.80
Benefit allowance	£57.30	Benefit allowance	£22.65
Extra allowance	£20.00	Extra allowance	£20.00
Minimum Income Guarantee	£189.00	Minimum Income Guarantee	£151.45
Contribution	Yes	Contribution	Yes

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Example 3 - Julia

Julia is 22 and has a learning disability. She currently lives at home with her parents and attends a day service.

Under the current NCC policy, Julia doesn't pay a contribution.

Under the new policy because she is under 65, the change includes a lower rate for her income and her Disability Living Allowance amount is included.

Julia will still not pay a contribution.



Current Policy		New Policy	
Care costs	£145.25	Care costs	£145.25
Benefit allowance	£59.75	Benefit allowance	£59.75
Extra allowance	£20.00	Extra allowance	£20.00
Minimum Income Guarantee	£189.00	Minimum Income Guarantee	£131.75
Contribution	No	Contribution	No



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